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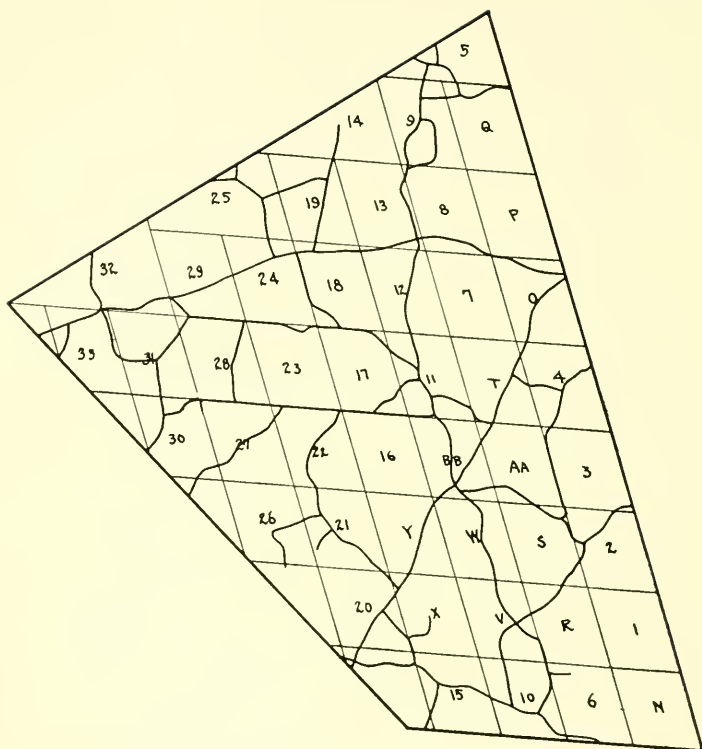


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PLAN OF OAKHAM

showing the **Original Lots** and the **Public Roads** laid out before the year 1800.

What is now Oakham was the West Wing of Rutland from 1722 to 1759, and the Precinct of Rutland West Wing from 1759 to 1762 when it was incorporated as a district by the name of Oakham.

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TO THE MEMORY OF  
CAPTAIN JOHN CRAWFORD

[1739-1824]

## SOME OAKHAM DATES

- First settlements within the limits of the town, not later than 1750.  
Established as Precinct of Rutland West Wing, 1759.  
First meeting-house erected, 1761.  
Oakham incorporated as a district, June 7, 1762.  
Rev. John Strickland ordained and installed over Presbyterian church,  
April 1, 1767.  
Church reorganized after Congregational form, June 23, 1773.  
Oakham District made a town by general act, August 23, 1775.  
Rev. Daniel Tomlinson ordained and settled, June 22, 1786.  
Sixth Massachusetts Turnpike incorporated, 1799.  
Oakham Post Office established, April 1, 1813.  
New meeting-house dedicated, 1815.  
First stage line through the town, 1818.  
The north village first called Coldbrook, 1832.  
Rev. James Kimball ordained and installed, December 26, 1832.  
Methodist meeting-house dedicated, October 1, 1843.  
Congregational meeting-house remodeled; dedicated, February 12, 1846.  
Rev. Francis N. Peloubet installed, December 26, 1860.  
Ware River Railroad opened, October, 1873.  
Memorial Hall dedicated, January 1, 1875.  
Central Massachusetts Railroad opened, December, 1887.  
Town Clock, presented by Mr. Henry E. Dean, dedicated, August 30,  
1905.  
Fobes Memorial Library, presented by Charles A. Fobes, Mrs. Celia  
E. Fobes, and Mrs. Harriet F. Gifford, dedicated, August 27, 1908.  
Mail service by automobile established, October, 1911.



## PREFACE

The town of Oakham was fortunate in having during the most important periods of its early history clerks who kept full and clear records. It is not probable that those who made the records had any thought of their future value as historical documents. They made them complete that there might be no doubt about the responsibility of those who were chosen to public office; but in their effort to make everything plain, they left us very detailed information about the early history of the town. The records of the first forty-four years fill two large volumes, containing together seven hundred and ninety-one pages. The eight years of the Revolutionary War cover two hundred and four pages. Fortunately, also, during the one hundred and fifty years when the town documents were not safeguarded as they are to-day, not a page of any of the record books was lost or destroyed.

By the wise action of the State authorities, there are kept, in the libraries of the town officers and in the Free Public Libraries of all Massachusetts towns, many works of great value that are too little appreciated. In these libraries may be found printed copies of many important early colonial and state documents; the military record of the soldiers from the State in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812; the Adjutant General's reports during the period of the Civil War; and also vital records of Massachusetts towns and cities. With such material at hand to supplement the records of the town clerks, it is possible to prepare a history of the men from any Massachusetts town who have served the country as soldiers.

When in 1866 the Oakham Soldiers' Union proposed to keep in permanent form brief biographies of the soldiers from the town in the Civil War, it was not expected that these sketches would be printed, much less that they would form part of a printed volume. But during the half-century that has since elapsed, the soldiers who survived the war have lived as private citizens engaged in their several occupations, have filled out their

family history, and have taken an active part in the public life of the communities in which their work has been done. No sketches of their lives could be thought of now which did not include what they have accomplished since the war, and what they have stood for as citizens and as men.

The men that constituted the Union Army were the best that the country produced. An army in time of war is no place for men weak physically or morally. The Union soldiers were not only men of strength and courage, but also men of character. In no war ever waged were the soldiers of better quality. The enormous debt incurred on account of the war was repaid, but the loss to the nation of hundreds of thousands of such young men can never be made up.

If there are any men who deserve to be remembered for what they have sacrificed for the sake of others, it is those who have served in the army in time of war. Only those who have seen actual service can fully realize what it means for a young man to give up home and friends, and to endure the hardships and the undermining influences of army life, and to face the dangers of a protracted war. If he returns uninjured, no soldier who has been long in the service can ever be repaid for what he has lost, physically, mentally, and morally. And what a multitude of young men in the Civil War either did not return, or came back crippled for life!

When I remember how much life has brought to me since the close of the war; in my home life; in the opportunity for service; in the joy of interest in the world's progress for half a century; and in the privilege of having even a little share in the work that has been done; and remember also that every one of our soldiers who were killed in battle or died by disease lost all this, I begin to appreciate what the sacrifice of so many young lives meant.

In the preparation of this book I have not only been living again among old friends, but have sometimes seemed to myself to be renewing an acquaintance with men brought back upon the stage from former generations. I knew personally the greater part of the soldiers from Oakham in the Civil War.

One-fourth of them had been my pupils, and a large proportion had been my playmates and friends. I had seen the greater part of the men from the town who were in the War of 1812. From early childhood I had heard much about the soldiers in the Revolutionary War from my grandmother, by whom I was brought up, who was the widow of a Revolutionary soldier and the daughter of John Crawford, Captain of the Oakham company from 1775 to 1783.

It has been a pleasure to gather, from the records of the town and the state, the history of the Oakham men who served in the War for Independence, but it has been especially gratifying to bring to light in a neighboring town a Revolutionary document supposed to have been irrecoverably lost. The fortunate discovery of a pay roll of Captain How's company for service on the Hudson in the latter part of 1776 gives encouragement to hope that copies of other such supposedly lost muster or pay rolls will yet be found.

Miss Mary A. French, of North Brookfield, into whose keeping a package of manuscript regarding the French family had come by inheritance, was greatly surprised to find that among these papers there was this list of Revolutionary soldiers made more than one hundred and thirty years before by her ancestor, Lieutenant French. The roll seems to have been either unnoticed or thought of no importance by those who had previously possessed these documents after the death of Lieutenant French in 1832. Though a portion of it was once thrown into the wastebasket, it was fortunately recovered, and the roll is preserved entire, with every name legible.

The possession by one of his descendants of this copy of a pay roll made by Lieutenant French, and also the discovery among the papers of Captain William Crawford of a copy of the roll of his Company in the War of 1812, shows that an officer may have kept the first draft of his report, having made a better written copy to send in.

Great care has been taken to make the statements in this book correct, and the authorities are cited for most facts to which the writer himself cannot testify. But there must still be errors and

omissions. Sometime a fuller history of the town will probably be written, and a more complete genealogy of Oakham families. With this in view, I earnestly request those who read any part of this book to send me corrections of errors found in it, and to give any additional information which they possess regarding the Oakham families to which they belong, or from which they are descended.

Many have helped to gather material for the biographical sketches, to all of whom the author acknowledges his obligations. He is especially indebted to Miss Emily K. Fobes of Worcester, for searching the Worcester County Records; to Mr. Ernest L. Hayward of Taunton, for the preparation of the Index; and to Professor Henry Burt Wright of New Haven, who has verified the authorities for the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and given valuable assistance in every part of the work.

HENRY P. WRIGHT.

New Haven, Conn., January 5, 1914.

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# THE SOLDIERS' UNION



## THE SOLDIERS' UNION

The Oakham Soldiers' Union grew out of a meeting of a few returned soldiers, in the vestry of the Congregational Church, on the evening of August 17, 1866. Major Fairbank, Andrew Spooner, and Sergeant Temple were requested to prepare a constitution, and, a week later, the Union was organized. Any resident of the town who had served in the Army or Navy of the United States and had been honorably discharged, and any person who had enlisted from the town and had been honorably discharged, was eligible for membership.

The annual meetings of the Soldiers' Union became at once the important social event of the year for the town, and were continued regularly for nearly a quarter of a century. A part of each meeting was given to addresses on war subjects and to other suitable exercises, and a part to social entertainment, which included a supper served by the ladies of Oakham. The proceeds of the annual meetings were deposited in the North Brookfield Savings Bank, and the deposits were increased by various entertainments planned by joint committees of the citizens and soldiers.

The association from the beginning had before it two plans: (1) the erection of some form of a monument to the soldiers who lost their lives in the Civil War; (2) the preservation of a brief biography of all the men who enlisted from the town in that war.

When the Union had reached its sixth year, it had accumulated funds which justified it in beginning to make plans for a soldiers' memorial. At the annual meeting in 1872, two propositions were presented by a committee which had been appointed at the previous annual meeting:

(1) A hall for town and public uses, with memorial tablets.

(2) A monument erected on the Village Green.

The attendance at this meeting was large, and the majority of those present expressed their preference for a hall.

On January 1, 1873, the Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,232.48 in the treasury. At this meeting the Union appointed a committee, consisting of two soldiers and five citizens, "to see what can be done by the citizens and by the town toward building a hall, and to present plans of a building suitable for memorial purposes, and an estimate of the cost of building." The committee were instructed to make their report within three months. No report was ever received from this committee.

On the part of several prominent citizens there was strong opposition to an appropriation toward the erection of a memorial hall. The town was already heavily burdened by the expenses of the war, and by the railroad debt. In order to get a definite decision from the town and the citizens, the following resolution was presented by Andrew Spooner, at a meeting of the Union on December 31, 1873:

"Whereas, a committee was chosen at the last annual meeting of this association, on January 1st, 1873, to consider and report upon plans, specifications, and cost of building a suitable memorial hall, with instructions to report within three months, and no report from said committee has been received, and whereas it is desirable that the matter of a soldiers' memorial be finally disposed of, therefore

*Resolved*, that a committee be chosen at this time whose duty it shall be to proceed to the erection of a suitable soldiers' memorial, and that if no feasible plan for building a suitable hall be presented to them previous to the first day of January, 1875, they be instructed to erect a suitable monument, to be completed before September 1st, 1875, the cost of which shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars, and that they be empowered to draw on the treasury for the payment of the same."

After much discussion, action on this resolution was postponed, that those in favor of a memorial hall might have opportunity to ascertain what contributions of money, building material, and labor would be made by citizens, and what the town would vote to do. A canvass of the town showed that

twelve hundred dollars could be raised from the citizens. The question was then presented to the town, at a meeting held March 17, 1874. At this meeting the town

*"Voted* to appropriate two thousand dollars, when the soldiers and the voluntary contributors shall guarantee the balance of the four thousand and four hundred dollars required to build the proposed hall."

Upon further consideration it seemed best for the interests of the town to erect a building which should contain both a hall for town and memorial purposes, and two or more rooms for a center school. Another town meeting was called, to be held March 31, to see whether the town would appropriate five hundred dollars more. At the beginning of this meeting it was voted that no one be allowed to speak on the question more than three times, or more than five minutes at a time. After a lengthy and exciting debate the town by a large majority

*"Voted*, that the town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, including the two thousand dollars already appropriated by the town on the 17th of March current, for the purpose of erecting a town hall and two school rooms in one building."

The Soldiers' Union held a meeting on April 11, and passed the following resolution:

*"Resolved*, that the Soldiers' Union will give to the town for the purpose of erecting a schoolhouse and town hall the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1,200), upon the following conditions, namely:

(1) That the town and citizens furnish a sum sufficient to complete the building proposed.

(2) That suitable tablets shall be placed therein for a soldiers' memorial by the Soldiers' Union, and maintained for all time by the town.

(3) That the Soldiers' Union have the free use of said Hall for all such meetings as they may desire to hold from year to year."

The Soldiers' Union appropriated \$260 in addition, for memorial tablets.

A *Building Committee* was appointed consisting of nine members, three to represent the town, three the Soldiers' Union, and three the citizens:

*For the town:* Alanson Prouty, Avery C. Bullard, Alonzo Lincoln.

*For the Soldiers' Union:* Dr. J. G. Shannon, George W. Stone, Stephen Boyden.

*For the citizens:* Page Austin, Deacon James Packard, Leonard P. Lovell.

Page Austin was elected Chairman.

Memorial Hall was completed before the close of the year and was dedicated on Friday evening, January 1, 1875.

The building contains two school rooms and a Selectmen's room on the first floor, and a hall, called Memorial Hall, on the second floor. The hall is used for town meetings, for public lectures, and for entertainments of all kinds. The school rooms are for the use of the Center School District, and also for pupils in the higher grades from any part of the town.

Few of the soldiers who organized the Union or were members of it are now living, but their work for the town abides in this building, which has been for nearly forty years of incalculable value to the citizens of the town and to their children. May it long remain a monument to the soldiers of Oakham in the Civil War.

The second purpose of the Soldiers' Union—the preservation of brief biographies of the soldiers from Oakham in the Civil War—is fulfilled by the publication of this book. The plan has been enlarged so as to include also the soldiers from the town in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812.



EXERCISES  
 AT THE  
 DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL HALL  
 FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 1, 1875

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*Presiding Officer, Mark Haskell*

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Prayer, . . . . . Rev. Alpha Morton

Report of the Building Committee and Presentation of the Keys,  
 Page Austin, Chairman of the Building Committee

Acceptance on behalf of the Town,  
 Moses O. Ayres, Chairman of the Selectmen

Presentation of the Memorial Tablets, . . . Henry P. Wright

Response, . . . . . Mark Haskell

Poem, . . . . . Ella M. Spooner, Mt. Holyoke Seminary

Address, . . . . . Rev. F. N. Peloubet of Natick, Mass.

*Music by Crawford's Cornet Band and by Conant and Macomber's Orchestra*

## ADDRESS OF HENRY P. WRIGHT

It has been thought appropriate that a few words be said concerning the part taken in the erection of this building by the Soldiers' Union.

During the year following the close of the war, the returned soldiers of the Union Army residing in this town formed themselves into an association called the Oakham Soldiers' Union. Its object, as set forth in the constitution, was "to cherish the memory of our fallen comrades, to preserve the friendships of camp and field, and to cultivate a sentiment of love and devotion to our country." At the beginning, the organization was designed to be of a social character. Its first meetings were attended only by soldiers, who passed the time chiefly in relating incidents of the war of which they themselves had personal knowledge. It was soon proposed to collect materials for a historical sketch of each soldier who enlisted from Oakham, and thus to preserve in permanent and accessible form a history of the town in the war. This has been partly done and will be completed. Another design was the erection, at some future time, of a suitable memorial to perpetuate the memory of those who fell in their country's service.

Annual reunions were established, to be held on the first day of January of each year, to which all friends of the soldiers were invited. Their purpose was to keep alive the friendships formed in the war and to interest the people in our organization and its objects. These meetings, always well attended, have constantly increased in public favor, and it is to this, our ninth annual reunion, that you are welcomed for these dedicatory exercises.

But something more was thought of than social entertainment. It seemed desirable to begin some movement, as early as possible, to perpetuate the memory of the sacrifices of this people in the war. The returned soldiers were few in number, and when a memorial was first suggested we saw no way of raising

money sufficient even for a humble monument. A little was saved from the annual meetings, a little added now and then from a social gathering; yet the sum of these littles was still small. The most timely aid rendered to our cause was by Mr. John B. Gough, who on so many occasions has placed the people of this town under lasting obligations to him, and whom we must ever hold in grateful remembrance. The proceeds of his lectures were added to our little fund, and it at once began to be respectable. The citizens of the town made our object their own, and by fairs and social entertainments the cause was helped on. By these means and by judicious investment, our accumulations became such that, two years ago, we began seriously to consider how they could best be used. After a very careful consideration of different plans, it was agreed to give the greater part of our fund to the town for the purpose of erecting a memorial building, providing the town and citizens would furnish enough to complete it. The town and citizens accepted the offer, and we united with them in the erection of this Hall, for which we were able to contribute one-fourth of the amount expended upon it. In itself, perhaps, the sum may seem small, but our gift was of great value for this reason, at least, that, without it, the building would not have been erected.

In reviewing the success of this organization, we remember that it owes more than we can express in words to the citizens of this town. Many of you have been more active in helping than the members of the association themselves. We do not forget your services, and I wish here, in behalf of the Soldiers' Union, to express our deep gratitude to all of you who have in any way encouraged and assisted us during the last nine years.

This is to be a Memorial Hall. The Soldiers' Union has erected here two plain marble tablets, on which are inscribed the names of the twenty-two soldiers from this town who fell in the war, and the four who have died since its close. Of this number, twenty died by disease; five fell in battle, two at Drury's Bluff, two at Cold Harbor, and one, just at the close of the war, at Petersburg; another, a captive, weakened by

wounds, laid down his life, a neglected sufferer, in a Confederate prison. They left peaceful homes, to which they were bound by the tender ties of domestic affection. At their country's call they went forth, in the vigor of youth, and with patriotic ardor, to maintain the honor of our government and defend the nation's flag. When the war closed and the troops returned in triumph, they came not with them. The homes from which they had gone forth were clouded with grief, when other homes were joyous with victory. Here are names of sons and brothers, husbands, fathers and friends, familiar names of the companions and playmates of our childhood, who fifteen years ago were so active among us in all that interests young men. To the memory of these fallen ones we dedicate these tablets, that they may be to us, as we gather here from time to time, a visible memorial of our departed comrades, and may perpetuate their names to other generations, when we who knew them have passed away.

To you, gentlemen, the official representatives of the town, and to your successors in office, we commit the keeping of these memorial tablets, in order that they may be preserved and protected. We ask you to guard them sacredly, remembering the beloved names which they bear and the heroic sacrifices and deaths which they record.

## ADDRESS OF REV. F. N. PELOUBET

When at the close of the war Gen. Anderson went back to Fort Sumter with the same old flag which had been taken down at its evacuation four years before, and raised it once more over Sumter redeemed, he took his children with him to witness the ceremony. For his wife was a Georgian, and all her friends were secessionists. And both he and his wife being in feeble health, they knew not, if they should die, to what influences those children would be exposed. "But," said he, "if they see their father raise their country's flag, and witness these ceremonies, all the influences which can be brought to bear upon them will never make them false to the old flag."

We have gathered here this evening to dedicate this comely Memorial Hall, which sits with its sister church, twin stars, patriotism and religion linked together, a double crown upon your hill seen from afar.

Soldier hands with those of their fair sisters have helped to gather the means. Every farm has paid its proportion. Willing hearts have poured out their contributions to erect this beautiful building, where, below, the education of your youth shall fan the flame of love to country, and embody it in noble character, and, above, the names of those recorded on these tablets shall beckon them upward. And thus this building with its citizen and soldier builders, and the names recorded here, shall be enduring witnesses to children and children's children, so that no influences shall make them false to their country's flag, or their country's weal. It shall keep in mind that true interpretation of the old motto, "Our country, right or wrong—if right, to *keep* her right; if wrong, to *make* her right."

The words of a Massachusetts colonel to his regiment as he fell wounded in battle, "State colors to the front, Massachusetts forward," were heard through every town and village of our state, and the young men of this town Oakham, i. e. Oakhome, with *hearts* of oak as well as *name* of oak, listened to the call.

Being pastor of the Oakham church, and citizen of the town before the war and remaining till it was ended, I was personally acquainted with most of these men. Sixteen were members of my church, three more of the Methodist church then existing here, and twenty-seven were members of the Sabbath School. It was with great pleasure that in my address of welcome to those who returned at the close of the war, I could say with truth that "so far as we can learn, you have to a man returned at least as good as you went away, and many we know, and all we hope, a great deal better. Many backsliders were made in the army, but not one hails from Oakham; there were cowards, but none were nurtured among these hills; there were deserters, but no Oakham man failed in the hour of trial."

Since then the returned soldiers have been scattered far and wide. One is now a pastor in the second largest city of New England; one is a professor in a college which, with only one peer and no superior, stands highest in this western world; one is a Christian lawyer in a rising western state; others are merchants, or mechanics, or farmers in this and other towns. But to-night in spirit and memory we are all here again.

We record the names of our fallen heroes in marble, but we engrave them more deeply on our hearts and memories. Sweetly they sleep in our cemeteries, where every year you decorate their graves with flowers, those beautiful emblems of resurrection, every one of which, growing out of the same ground in which our heroes sleep, says *resurgemus*, "we shall rise again."

Those that lie in the valleys of the south, that sleep in unknown graves, God himself decorates with green and with flowers;

"Covers the thousands who sleep far away,  
Sleep where their friends cannot find them to-day;  
They who in mountain and hillside and dell  
Rest where they wearied, and sleep where they fell.

Softly the grass blades creep round their repose,  
Sweetly above them the wild flowret blows;  
Zephyrs of freedom fly gently o'erhead,  
Whispering prayers for the patriot dead."



How we felt here the absence of those men! What a change it made in every department, to have so much young life flow out never to return! We missed them at home, in the church, in the Sabbath School, in the prayer meetings, in the social circles, in the literary lyceums, in the schools. We missed them everywhere. And yet we would not have them do otherwise than they did. We see now that to send forth loyal children to save their country is better than to keep ten thousand disloyal cowards at home. We see that the spirit of self-sacrifice for freedom leaves an unfading legacy as the years roll on. We should have been false to our town and its history, had we refused to hear the call for men. We should have been false to our church, and our fathers, and our God, had we been false to freedom. We should have been false to our education and our schools and our national institutions, had we allowed them to produce cowards and not men.

There are two kinds of monuments which we can rear to our soldiers' memory. One is such a monument as this in which we are now assembled, a building in which the youth shall be educated with better advantages than they have had, with this hall above in which lectures, lyceums, public meetings, and the transactions of town business shall continue through life the education begun in the rooms below. How much more appropriate and touching, more expressive and beautiful, is this than a shaft of stone however elaborate, for it not only points upward, but it is steps upward. It not only helps us to remember the dead, but plants in us the virtues for which they died. It is a Jacob's Ladder, not in a dream, by which the whole town may join in "stepping heavenward."

And there is something peculiarly fitting in the method by which it was built. The soldiers who returned safe from the war began to collect the funds; and we should never forget that they were as brave and true soldiers, and offered as much to their country, as those whose names are recorded here. Then the citizens with free hand, and the town by taxation, have completed the amount. Then also our mothers and wives and sisters have had no small part in this building, taking their full

share of the sacrifice and the work; and worthily, for they bore their full share of the burden and the sorrows of the war. Mother and wife balanced at home the sufferings of husband and son in the field. If ever we see, in heaven, the glorious army of earthly heroes, as many women will be in it as men, and soldiers' wives, and soldiers' mothers, and soldiers' daughters, though unnamed on tablets of stone, will be heard in the roll call of heroes and martyrs, and no crowns will be brighter, and no *well dones* worthier than theirs.

This Hall, then, built by the living in honor of the dead, we dedicate to the memory of those soldiers who have given their lives for their country, and to the spread of that Liberty and Loyalty, Righteousness and Peace, for whose sake they died.

And may the Good Father gather them and us around his throne in heaven, and say to all, *Well done, good and faithful soldiers, enter into the joy of your Lord.*

## PRESIDENTS OF THE SOLDIERS' UNION

Major John B. Fairbank, 1866-1872.

Dr. J. G. Shannon, 1873-1876.

George W. Stone, 1877, 1878, 1886, 1887, 1890.

Andrew Spooner, 1879.

Stephen A. Boyden, 1880.

William R. Barr, 1881.

Charles A. Ware, 1882, 1883.

John E. Stone, 1884.

Edward J. Sargeant, 1885.

Gardner M. Dean, 1888, 1889.





MEMORIAL HALL.  
November, 1874



# THE REVOLUTION



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During the first half-century after the incorporation of Oakham, it was the custom of the Town Clerks to make note, on their books, of public business done by any officer of the town. The Treasurer's report of monies received and paid out by him was copied entire in the minutes of the meeting at which the report was presented. Sometimes the receipts for money were written in the Town Records and there signed by the persons to whom the money was paid. The names of school-teachers, and of those who boarded school-teachers; the names of those who came to preach as candidates when there was no settled minister, and of the persons who cared for them and for their horses, were entered on the records, with the amount paid for such services. That the Town Clerk, therefore, should copy in his reports the names of soldiers furnished by the town for any campaign, was to be expected, especially since the town gave its soldiers bounties, larger or smaller, in proportion to the difficulty of the service. The town records contain nearly complete lists of the men sent in answer to the many demands of the Provincial Legislature, and of the Continental Congress, but, since the bounties were often allowed as credit on the tax bills of the soldiers or of their fathers, the names of some soldiers do not appear on these lists.

The State of Massachusetts has made accessible all the material which it possesses regarding the Revolutionary soldiers from the state, in the monumental work, in seventeen large volumes, *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War*. In most cases the account of service given in these volumes confirms that given on the town records; but it is to be noted that the rolls of some companies have not been preserved, and that a man may have served in a company before or after the time covered by any existing roll. In general the presence of a man's name on the muster roll or pay roll of a company only, must be taken as evidence that he served in that company,

and the statement, on the town records only, that the Town Treasurer paid a man a certain sum as bounty for a given campaign, is evidence that he served as a soldier in that campaign. But when the two records agree the proof is beyond question.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, the able-bodied men of Massachusetts of military age (that is, between sixteen and sixty) had already been drilled as soldiers, and detachments of them could be sent wherever they were needed, without waiting for the organization and discipline of companies and regiments which was necessary at the breaking out of the Civil War. A committee of the First Provincial Congress recommended, December 10, 1774, that one-fourth at least of the soldiers of each town should equip themselves as minutemen, ready to march on the shortest notice for the defence of the province. These were to be provided "with effective Fire arms, Bayonet, Pouch, Knapsack and Thirty rounds of Cartridges and Ball," and were to drill three times a week. Each company was to elect its own officers. The Oakham militia company was probably under the command of Captain Jonathan Bullard. The men detailed to serve as minutemen, about thirty in number, chose John Crawford Captain and drilled regularly every other day, according to the recommendations of the Provincial Congress.

The towns were advised to pay the minutemen a reasonable consideration, but the members of the Oakham company, like those in most other towns, were satisfied to equip themselves and drill without pay, provided the other soldiers of the town were also equipped and drilled; as is evident from a vote passed in town meeting March 6, 1775: "Voted that the Militia company & alarm men shall be equipt as well as possible & meet in the field and exersise, *et cetera*, which appears to satisfy the minutinen without any pay."\*

On the night before the attack on Lexington, an alarm was sent out by messengers to the several towns which appears to

\* On April 16, 1776, the town "Voted to give the Minute-Men the Ten Dollars they received [from the province] at the alarm on the 19th of April last (£3. os. od)."

have reached Oakham on the afternoon of April 19. On the receipt of this alarm, Captain Crawford, with his company of minutemen, set out immediately for Cambridge, where they joined the Worcester County Regiment under the command of Colonel Jonathan Warner of Hardwick. On the town records there is no list of names of the minutemen, but the following names of Oakham men who marched on the alarm of April 19 are on the muster roll of Captain Crawford's company in the Massachusetts archives:\*

Captain, John Crawford.

First Lieutenant, Isaiah Parmenter.

Second Lieutenant, Alexander Bothwell, 3d.

Sergeants, George Black, Samuel Metcalf, Benjamin Joslyn, Daniel Henderson.

Corporals, Silas Bullard, James Bell, John Boyd.

Drummer, Aaron Crawford.

Privates, Samuel Bell, Joseph Berry, Stewart Black, William Black, John Bothwell, William Bothwell, John Butler, George Caswell, Daniel Deland, William Harper Dunn, Joseph Eager, Nathan Edson, John Forbes, Joel Hayden, James McHerrin, Jacob Parmenter, William Stevenson, Isaac Stone, 2d.

On Sunday, April 23, 1775, the Provincial Congress at Watertown resolved that thirteen thousand six hundred men be raised by the province for eight months' service. Each company was to consist of fifty-nine men, including three officers. A week later the Committee of Safety ordered that one-half of the militia be sent immediately to Roxbury and Cambridge, and that the other half hold themselves in readiness to march at a minute's warning. On July 5 it was voted to provide each non-commissioned officer and soldier raised under this resolve with a bounty coat, or, if he preferred, to allow him its equivalent in money.

In April and May, thirty-five Oakham men enlisted for a term of eight months. Ten of the minutemen reënlisted on April 27 in the 5th Company (Captain Simeon Hazeltine) of the 8th Regiment, commanded by Colonel John Fellows:

\* Lexington Alarms, Vol. XII, p. 15.

Joseph Berry, George Black, Stewart Black, William Black, Daniel Deland, William Dunn, Joseph Eager, James McHerrin, Jacob Parmenter, Isaac Stone, 2d. George Black was made Lieutenant, and Stewart Black, Ensign. Daniel Deland was Fifer. Fourteen others from Oakham enlisted later in the same company: Jacob Ames, Samuel Bullard, James Boyd, Daniel Crawford Deland, Stephen Foster, Joseph Gilles, David Henderson, Oliver Jackson, Aaron McCobb, Nehemiah Packard, Zephaniah Perkins, Asa Snell, Amos Temple, and Joshua Turner. James Conant and Luther Conant enlisted at the same time in Captain Soul's company of the same regiment. The names of Henderson, McCobb, Snell and Temple are not on the Oakham town records.

Lebbeus Washburn enlisted on May 27 in Captain John Packard's company of the 9th Regiment, commanded by Colonel David Brewer; George Caswell and James Swinerton of Oakham, and William Johnson of New Braintree, whose name is on the Oakham town records, joined Captain Grainger's company, in Colonel Ebenezer Learned's regiment.

Silas Bellows, George Dunn, Thomas Gill, Robert Harper, Alexander McFarland, Jr., and Kerly Ward enlisted in Captain Seth Washburn's company of Colonel Jonathan Ward's regiment. Kerly Ward was made Corporal. The name of Silas Bellows is not on the town records for this campaign. This regiment was at the Battle of Bunker Hill, but only a few of the companies were actively engaged; Captain Washburn's company was one of these. Silas Bellows, George Dunn, Alexander McFarland, Jr., and Kerly Ward were in the Battle of Bunker Hill, and Kerly Ward was wounded. Thomas Gill and Robert Harper did not join the company till fourteen days after the battle.

These eight-months' regiments were encamped at Roxbury and formed part of the right wing of the army under General Ward that besieged the British in Boston.

Captain Samuel Dexter of Hardwick raised a company for six months' service from Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham, which formed part of Colonel Ebenezer Learned's regiment. Five Oakham men were in this company: Sergeant Isaiah



Parmenter, Corporal Timothy Conant, Privates Archibald Forbes, Bartholomew Green, Matthew McGilligan (for James Dean). This regiment was in camp at Roxbury January 1, 1776.

Thirteen men served two months at Roxbury in the company of Captain Barnabas Sears: Sergeant Daniel Parmenter, Privates Samuel Stone, James Banks, Sergeant Ebenezer Woodis, Privates Sheers Berry, James Blair, James Hunter, Arch Forbes, Moses Gilbert, Bartholomew Green, Joseph Green from Rutland, Timothy Conant and Zephaniah Perkins. The last ten receipted, February 15, 1776, for ammunition to Captain Sears; the names of the others are found on the town records only, but these records give no credit to Perkins for this campaign.

The British evacuated Boston March 17, 1776. April 9 a resolve was passed to raise eight companies of ninety men each "for the defence of Boston," to serve till December 1, 1776. On the pay roll of the company of Captain Ezekiel Knowlton of Templeton, dated Dorchester, November 28, 1776, are found the names of Sergeant Asa Partridge, Privates George Harper, William Parmenter (for Solomon Parmenter) and Timothy Shaw (for Thomas White). William Smith of Oakham enlisted in this company, December 14, 1776, to serve till March 1, 1777, but he was credited to the town of Barre.

Early in 1776 measures were taken by the General Court to organize and train the militia, that soldiers might be ready to respond promptly to calls for reinforcements, especially for the Continental Army. By an Act of January 22, the number of Worcester County regiments was fixed at eight. On May 14, 1776, the Fourth Worcester County Regiment was organized at Brookfield. Ebenezer Foster of Oakham was chosen Adjutant of the regiment. The officers elected for the 8th or Oakham company were:

Captain, John Crawford.

First Lieutenant, Alexander Bothwell, 3d.

Second Lieutenant, Asa French.

These officers received their commissions May 31, 1776, and continued in service till the close of the war.

At a town meeting held May 21, 1776, six weeks before July 4, the town "Voted without Contradiction that if the Honl. Congress should for the Safety of the Colonies declare them Independent of the Kingdom of Great Britain, that they [that is, the people of Oakham] solemnly engage, with their lives & fortunes to support them in the measure."

The town furnished four men for the Ticonderoga campaign but it is not easy to decide just who the men were. John Boyd, Benjamin Foster, Joel Hayden and Jacob Parmenter, on July 29, 1776, were voted £12 bounty from the town for this campaign. The names of Hayden and Parmenter are on the town records only. Boyd, Foster, and also Stewart Black were enrolled in Captain Nathaniel Hamilton's company, which consisted mostly of Brookfield men and was in service at Ticonderoga Mills and Fort Edward from August 3, 1776, till February 1, 1777, in Colonel Samuel Brewer's regiment. David Henderson and John Harper were enrolled for the same service, in Captain John Howard's company of the same regiment, and Daniel Deland went in Captain Noah Allen's company of Colonel Asa Whitcomb's regiment. Eleven citizens (Isaac Stone, Joseph Hudson, James Ames, William Green, Mat. Galt, Ebenezer Foster, James Blair, Skelton Foster, Jacob Adams, John Butler and Heman Bassett) promised to advance to the Treasurer one hundred and sixty dollars "to replace the Money paid by him to the four Canady Soldiers who Inlisted in July last as soon as may be."\*

June 25, 1776, it was resolved to raise two thousand men to serve in New York till December 1, 1776. As far as is known to the writer, no muster rolls have been preserved for this, and for the following campaign to New York. All names here given on these two lists are found on the town records only. In addition to the State bounty of £3, a town bounty of £6 each was promised to those who should enlist in response to this call. The men named below agreed to be responsible for the ten soldiers needed for this campaign: Ensign Isaiah Parmenter, Captain Jonathan Bullard, Ensign William Banks, Edward Partridge, 2d, Silas Partridge, Joseph Craige, George Caswell,

\*Town Records, Vol. I, pp. 152 (\$160), and 171 (£48).

James Brown (half a man), John Brown (half a man), Aaron Crawford (half a man), William Crawford (half a man), Nathaniel Weeks. Ensign Parmenter probably went in charge of the men sent on this service.

Robert Wilson, Alexander Wilson, Jonathan Cunningham, Samuel Davis, Isaiah Butler, John Harmon, John Bothwell and William Smith agreed to be responsible for eight soldiers to be sent to New York for three months' service. The two Wilsons, Bothwell and Smith, without doubt, went themselves on this campaign.

On account of the critical situation of the Continental Army in New York in September, 1776, one-fifth of all the able-bodied men under fifty were called for to serve two months. Lieutenant Asa French, with Corporals Samuel Metcalf and William Bothwell, and Privates Abraham Bell, James Bell, Jr., Silas Bullard, Nathan Edson, James Forbes, John Forbes, Benjamin Knight, and a recruit, Jacob Brooks, hired by Deacon Allen and Nathan Edson, were detailed for this campaign and joined Captain Abner How's company of Colonel James Converse's regiment, which was in service at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. James Banks was detailed to go but did not join the regiment. Ichabod Packard also has credit on the town records for this campaign. The recently-discovered pay roll of Captain How's company made out by Lieutenant French, Commandant, is printed among the *Addenda* in this book.

Joseph Osborn, Jr., was a soldier and probably lost his life in one of these campaigns, as appears from a vote of the town April 18, 1777, "that Joseph Osburn's Campaign rate of £3-5-10 be allowed him for his son Joseph's Service in the war, who is now deceased."

It is not possible to tell in every case whether the man who received credit on the town records went himself or secured some one to go in his place. There is very little on the town records about soldiers until September 19, 1776, when the question was raised about the claims of those who had already served. When Captain Crawford received a call for soldiers to serve within the state he detailed the men to go, or called for

voluntary enlistment. When the service was beyond the limits of the state, citizens would sometimes come forward and guarantee to be responsible for the number of men required. Some of them would go themselves; some would secure other men to go. The committee that made, in 1777, the lists of men who had served before the call for Continental soldiers, was "chosen to receive and adjust the Claims of the Persons in Town for any service done in the present war, whether by themselves or other ways." This committee reported March 11, 1777.

It is probable, also, that some citizens who received credit, even on the muster rolls, for militia service in the campaigns of 1777 and 1778, were represented in the army by substitutes who enlisted under their names. It was considered as creditable for a citizen to send a good man in his place as to go himself, and when the citizen was past middle age, it was better for the service. The country was in an unsettled state. There was no executive head, and the Continental Congress was often not able to pay the soldiers. The Provincial Legislature raised money by taxes on the several towns, and no service was more important than that of securing the funds necessary to enable the town to do its part in the war. It is beyond question also, that the citizens who sent substitutes, generally paid them much more than the bounty which they themselves received back from the town.

Early in 1777, Massachusetts was called upon by Congress to furnish her quota of fifteen battalions for three years' service in the Continental Army. Each soldier was to have from the province twenty shillings per month and a bounty of £20 in addition to the Continental pay. Land bounties were also promised to those who enlisted to serve during the war. Oakham offered an extra bounty of £20. Some of the nearby towns offered a bounty of £30, and even £40. One-seventh of all the male population not already in the service, of sixteen years of age and upwards, were to be taken. Seventeen Oakham men in Captain Crawford's company responded to this call; seven enlisted in Captain Reed's company of Colonel Alden's, later Colonel Brooks's, 8th Massachusetts Regiment: Sergeant Luther

Conant, Corporal Enos Hudson, Privates Israel Hill, Isaac Parmenter, James Parmenter, Zephaniah Perkins, Thomas Taylor; and ten went in Captain Holden's company of Colonel Nixon's 6th Massachusetts Regiment: Sergeant Isaac Stone, 2d, Privates Joseph Berry, Sheers Berry, Timothy Conant, Daniel Deland, Jabez Fuller, Matthew McGilligan, William Oliver, Alpheus Stone and Joshua Whitcomb. The names of Thomas Taylor, Timothy Conant, and Joshua Whitcomb are on the muster rolls as serving for the town of Oakham, but not on the town records. This was the first quota of men furnished for three years. The date of the enlistment was March 11, 1777. These regiments were actively engaged in the campaign which resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne. Both were probably in action in the battles of September 19 and October 7.

The following men served for the town of Oakham in the Continental army, for a term of three years, in other regiments: James Conant in Colonel Lee's regiment, Joshua Turner in Colonel Henry Jackson's regiment, Richard Sternes in Colonel Crane's artillery regiment, William Harper Dunn and John Green in Captain Goodale's company of Colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment, Jonathan Henderson in Captain Amos Cogswell's company, Colonel Wesson's regiment. Of these only Conant, Dunn and Henderson have credit on the town records.

Shubael Wilder, Moses Doty, Elisha Pike and John Wheeler engaged for the town of Oakham in Captain Daniel Shay's company of Colonel Rufus Putnam's regiment, but the last three were without doubt credited to the town of Hardwick where they resided.

In the *Massachusetts Spy* of July 24, 1777, John Hooker of Rutland announces that he "proposes to ride post from Col. Nixon's regiment to Boston, once every month, for one year." Letters for soldiers in the regiment from their friends in Oakham were to be left at Ebenezer Foster's tavern, by the 19th of every month.

Some of the casualties among the Oakham men in the Continental army are recorded, but probably not all. Timothy Conant died April 15, 1777; Israel Hill was killed August 25,



1777, on the expedition for the relief of Fort Schuyler; Zephaniah Perkins was killed September 15, 1777; Jabez Fuller died October 16, 1777, probably as a result of wounds received in the battle of September 7. Isaac Parmenter was wounded in battle with the Indians and Tories and was in the hospital several months. He and James Parmenter were taken prisoners at Cherry Valley November 11, 1778. Isaac Parmenter was kept a prisoner nearly two years, and James Parmenter is supposed to have died in captivity.

Israel Hill's bounty of £20 was paid to Widow Beriah Hill by vote of the town April 13, 1778. On the same day it was voted also to pay to Zephaniah Perkins £20 as town bounty, but this was paid to Widow Mary Perkins, who had been appointed administratrix of his estate in December, 1777.

By a resolve passed May 1, 1778, gratuities were to be paid to all three-year men in the Continental Army who could bring certificates that they were in camp before August 15, 1777. Each non-commissioned officer and private was to receive \$100.

Under a call of April 12, 1777, a regiment was raised in Worcester, Middlesex, Bristol, and Barnstable Counties to serve in Rhode Island from May 5 to July 5, 1777. This regiment was commanded by Josiah Whitney and was stationed at North Kingston. Oakham furnished six men for the regiment, who were placed in the company of Captain Hodges: Corporal James Boyd, Privates James Forbes, Robert Forbes, John Kenny, Timothy Shaw (for Thomas White), and Nahum Whipple. John Kenny and Nahum Whipple have no credit on the town records. Robert Forbes's name is found on the town records only.

The muster rolls show that Samuel Bullard and Nehemiah Packard served at the Northward in Captain Hodges' company, from July 27 to August 29, and the town records give credit to Ebenezer Nye for fifteen days in April, on an alarm at Williamstown.

On an alarm at Providence, Captain Crawford marched July 23, 1777, with forty-five men, including officers. The following

names are found on the muster roll of Captain Crawford's company in this campaign:

Captain, John Crawford.

Lieutenant, Alexander Bothwell, 3d.

Sergeants, Aaron Crawford and William Crawford.

Corporals, William Bothwell, John Forbes, Benjamin Foster, and Samuel Stone.

Privates, Jacob Adams, Jesse Allen, James Banks, William Banks, Heman Bassett, Abraham Bell, James Bell, John Bell, Silas Bellows, Alexander Bothwell, 2d, John Bothwell, James Boyd, John Brown, Nathaniel Bullard [Bolton], Samuel Bullard, Isaac Bullard, Joseph Chaddock, Thomas Chaddock, James Dunbar, Nathan Edson, Charles Forbes, James Forbes, George Harper, John Harper, Robert Harper, James Hunter, Abraham Joslyn, Nehemiah Packard, Rufus Parmenter, Edward Partridge, 2d, Ebenezer Rice, Jonas Rich, Benjamin Spooner, William Stevenson, Joshua Turner, William Washburn, and Ebenezer Woodis.

John Boyd also has credit on the town records for this campaign, and James Bothwell went, at the same time, in Captain Whipple's New Braintree company.

On arriving at Worcester, the company received orders to return to Oakham.

The exposed position of Rhode Island caused the passage of a resolve, June 24, 1777, for one thousand five hundred men to serve till January 10, 1778. The names of twenty-four Oakham soldiers are found on the roll of Captain Ralph Earll's company of Colonel Danforth Keyes's regiment: Lieutenant Isaiah Parmenter, Sergeant John Forbes, Corporal John Hill, Privates Nathan Adams, Jacob Ames, James Ames, William Banks, William Black, James Boyd, Isaac Bullard, Archibald Forbes, Charles Forbes, James Forbes, Bartholomew Green, Robert Hair, Zaccheus Hall, Jr., Benjamin Harper, Joseph Harper, Daniel Henderson, John Moore, George Rich, Jonas Rich, Samuel Stone and James Upham. Joel Hayden served in Captain Joseph Sibley's company of the same regiment.

William Bothwell, John Boyd and George Harper also have credit on the town records for this service.

On an alarm at Bennington, August 20, 1777, Captain Crawford marched with thirty-one men, including officers. The following names are on the muster roll:

Captain, John Crawford.

Lieutenant, Alexander Bothwell, 3d.

Sergeants, William Crawford and Samuel Metcalf.

Corporal, Benj. Foster.

Privates, Jesse Allen, William Banks, Silas Bellows, Stewart Black, John Bothwell, Asa Briggs, John Brown, Sam<sup>l</sup> [James] Brown, Jonathan Bullard, Jr., Silas Bullard, Thomas Chaddock, James Conant, Skelton Foster, Elijah Gilbert, Robert Harper, James Hunter, Abraham Joslyn, Ichabod Packard, Daniel Parmenter, William Parmenter, Ebenezer Rice, Ezra Washburn, William Washburn, Nathaniel Weeks, Thomas White, Ebenezer Woodis.

Isaac Stone also has credit for this service on the town records.

On arriving at Hadley, news was received of the retreat of the British from Bennington, and the company was ordered to return home. On the town records this is called the campaign to Hadley.

James Blair, James Bell, and Nehemiah Packard received from the town £8 each, and Eleazer Spooner £2 10s. for a campaign to Bennington and Half Moon, in 1777, in Colonel Job Cushing's regiment, but the names of Bell and Spooner are on the town records only. The first three marched July 30, and all served till September 2.

The critical position of the American forces after the capture of Ticonderoga by General Burgoyne caused a resolve, August 9, 1777, directing that one-sixth of all the able-bodied men not in the service should march without delay to reinforce the army at the Northward and continue in service till November 30, unless sooner discharged. Captain Crawford set out September 7 in command of a company of forty men from Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree, and joined Colonel Job Cushing's regiment. The Oakham quota consisted of Sergeant Samuel Metcalf, Corporals James Bothwell and Benjamin Foster, Privates Alexander Bothwell, 2d, Asa Briggs, Nathan Edson, Jonathan Glazier, John Harper, Daniel Parmenter, and William Washburn.



On September 24 Lieutenant Alexander Bothwell, 3d, marched to join General Gates at the Northward, with Sergeants Asa French and Alexander Wilson, Corporals James Blair and James Hunter, Privates Jesse Allen, John Bothwell, Silas Bullard, Aaron Crawford, Robert Forbes, William Green, Nehemiah Packard, and Thomas White, in a company raised in Western (Warren) and Oakham, commanded by Captain Joseph Cutler of Warren. Nehemiah Packard's name is on the town records only. Ebenezer Nye and Silas Nye served in this campaign for Oakham, from September 26 to October 18, in the company of Captain Benjamin Nye.

The army of General Gates was greatly strengthened by the troops sent from New England and New York, and after two unsuccessful battles (September 19 and October 7) Burgoyne was forced to surrender on the 17th of October. Active hostilities after this time were mostly in the Middle and Southern colonies. A part of General Burgoyne's surrendered troops were quartered in barracks at Rutland.

During the next three years several men, in some cases, those too old or too young to be liable for service in the field, were sent by the town to serve as guards.

*At Rutland:* Alexander Bothwell, 2d, and John Crawford, Jr., in 1778, 1779, and 1780, Jacob Kubler, Marshall Walker, Archibald Forbes in 1778, James Black, Francis Maynard, Ebenezer Foster in 1779, George Caswell, Alexander Crawford, Jonathan Forbes, Thomas Gill, Samuel Hunt, in 1780, Daniel Deland, one year, beginning January 10, 1781.

*At Brookfield:* James Blair and James Brown, to guard stores, in 1778.

*At Castle and Governor's Island:* John Crawford, Jr., and Alexander Crawford, 2d, for a term of six weeks in 1779.

*At Boston, Cambridge, Charlestown and Winter Hill:* - Sergeant Nehemiah Allen, Jr., from November 12, 1777, to April 5, 1778. Seven other men were sent April 1, 1778: Jacob Adams, William Crawford, Asa Partridge, Silas Partridge, Jacob Kubler, John Butler, William Stevenson. Jacob Adams was hired September 21, 1778, by James Brown and William Bothwell for

further service, and probably continued at Boston till November. Nathaniel Weeks served from July 22 to December 14, 1778.

It was determined in June, 1778, to send the prisoners to the Southern states, and Corporal James Boyd, with Privates Jacob Adams, John Butler, John Crawford, Jr., Benson Dunbar, John Forbes, Robert Harper, Reuben McFarland, Samuel Metcalf, Ebenezer Nye, and Timothy Shaw were detailed by Captain Crawford to form a part of the one thousand men who were detached from the militia to serve as guards on the march in November to Enfield, Connecticut.

On the 20th of April a resolve was passed to raise two thousand men to serve in the Continental Army for nine months from the time of their arrival at Fishkill. Four men were called for, but as the town had not received the credit due for the men who had already enlisted, only three were sent: Caleb Church, Thomas Darling, and Loved Lincoln. The last was hired by the four Bells.\*

Bowman Chaddock, James Shaw, and William Smith also served in the Continental Army nine months, from July 10, 1779, to April 7, 1780. Chaddock and Shaw were in Captain Wadsworth's company of Colonel Gamaliel Bradford's regiment.

The prospect of an attack on Rhode Island led to a call June 16, 1778, for five hundred and fifty-four men to be forwarded without delay to the headquarters of General Sullivan and to serve till the force previously ordered should be available, but the term was not to exceed twenty-one days. The names of Lieutenant Alexander Bothwell, 3d, Privates Alexander Bothwell, 2d, Benjamin Harper, Joseph Harper, Marshall Walker, and Robert Wilson are found on the rolls of Captain Gilbert's company of Colonel Josiah Whitney's regiment in this campaign. The names of Jesse Allen, Jonathan Bullard, Jr., Reuben McFarland, Benjamin Perkins and Eleazer Spooner are on the town records for six weeks' service in Rhode Island, but do not appear on the muster rolls. Stephen Lincoln was sent to Rhode Island to serve for six months from August, 1778. June 29, 1779, Benjamin Dunbar and James Dunbar enlisted for six months

\* Town Records, Vol. I, p. 190.

in Captain Fisher's company, Colonel Nathan Tyler's regiment, for a campaign in Rhode Island. James Blair served as Sergeant in Captain Gilbert's company of Colonel Whitney's regiment, from August 2 to September 13, 1780.

Jacob Adams, John Butler, Ebenezer Nye, John Boyd, George Harper, Asa Partridge, David Shaw, and Thomas White enlisted October 14, 1779, to serve three months at Claverack-on-the-Hudson, in response to an urgent call from the Commander-in-Chief for two thousand men to reinforce the army there. The last five received £13 each mileage money and £30 as bounty, and were attached to Captain Joseph Richardson's company in Colonel Samuel Denny's regiment.

June 5, 1780, a resolve was passed to raise three thousand nine hundred and sixty-four men to serve in the Continental Army for six months from the time of their arrival at the place of rendezvous. In response to this call, the town sent ten men: Elias Bolton, Archibald Forbes, Thomas Gill, Benjamin Harper, John Harper, Joseph Harper, John Hitchcock, Leavitt Perkins, Jonas Rich, and Joseph F. Thompson.

There was a call during the same month for nine militiamen for three months' service at West Point. The men raised to meet this call were: Corporals James Boyd and William Washburn, Privates Sheers Berry, Apollos Bolton, John Crawford, Jr., Josiah S. Nye, James Shaw, James Shaw, Jr., and a recruit hired by Nehemiah Allen, whose name appears to be Ignatos Adams. They were enlisted July 5, and discharged October 10, and were in Captain Timothy Paige's company of Colonel John Rand's regiment.

December 2, 1780, another resolve was passed to raise four thousand two hundred and forty men for the Continental Army, for three years or during the war. The town offered a bounty of three hundred silver dollars to each man who should enlist in this campaign. The amount paid in bounties was to be credited to the town on the next State tax. The citizens were divided into seven "classes," and each class was obliged to secure one man. The men engaged were: Benjamin Harper, Thomas Gill, George Perkins, George Walls, James Bigelow, Leavitt Perkins and Jonas Rich, the last hired by Joseph Chaddock.

Ebenezer Whitman enlisted August 18, 1781, for a term of five months in Rhode Island but was discharged November 17. He was in Captain Joseph Elliot's company of Colonel William Turner's regiment.

June 30, 1781, a call was issued for two thousand seven hundred militiamen for three months, for temporary reinforcement of the Continental Army at West Point. Four men were called for from Oakham, and Nehemiah Allen, Jr., James Boyd, James Forbes and Robert Harper were sent. All marched August 27, 1781, joined Colonel Luke Drury's regiment at West Point September 3, and were discharged December 3, 1781.

Cornwallis surrendered his whole army of seven thousand men at Yorktown October 19, 1781, and no further soldiers were called for from this town.

The town not only paid large bounties to its Continental soldiers, but in some cases guaranteed their wages. It was required also to provide them with clothing and to supply their families with provisions while they were in the service. During the last years of the war it was called upon to furnish the Continental Army with beef, and also with horses. The money for all these expenses was secured without borrowing from any person out of town. Some of the money raised for the benefit of the Continental soldiers was paid back by the State. In 1786 the town was able to settle a minister, and after advancing him nearly enough on his settlement to pay for a farm, it was soon out of debt and had money in the treasury. We cannot praise too highly the wisdom of the men who managed the financial affairs of the town during this long period of hardship and disaster.

The following citizens held the important town offices during the nine years 1775-1783, inclusive:

#### TOWN CLERKS

Joseph Craige, 1775.  
Isaac Stone, 1776, 1777.  
Spencer Field, 1778.

William Crawford, 1779, 1781, 1782,  
1783.  
William Green, 1780.

## SELECTMEN

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| Ebenezer Foster, 1776, 1780, 1782, 1783. | James Dean, 1779, 1780.       |
| Thomas White, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1779.    | William Green, 1778, 1779.    |
| Jesse Allen, 1775, 1778, 1779.           | Joseph Hudson, 1775, 1777.    |
| Joseph Craige, 1776, 1777, 1780.         | Ebenezer Nye, 1782, 1783.     |
| William Crawford, 1781, 1782, 1783.      | Isaiah Parmenter, 1778, 1779. |
| Asa French, 1777, 1782, 1783.            | John Boyd, 1781.              |
| James Ames, 1780, 1781.                  | Joseph Chaddock, 1778.        |
| William Banks, 1774, 1776.               | Samuel Davis, 1783.           |
| Jonathan Bullard, 1777, 1780.            | Daniel Parmenter, 1781.       |
| John Crawford, 1775, 1781.               | Asa Partridge, 1778.          |
|  | Isaac Stone, 1775.            |

## TREASURERS

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| Joseph Craige, 1775, 1776, 1777, 1778, 1781. | James Brown, 1781 (after the death of Joseph Craige). |
| Jesse Allen, 1779, 1780.                     | Jonathan Bullard, 1782.                               |
|  | Joseph Hudson, 1783.                                  |

## COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE, INSPECTION, AND SAFETY

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jesse Allen, 1775, 1776, 1782, 1783. | Jonathan Fitts, 1776.    |
| James Brown, 1777, 1779, 1782, 1783. | William Green, 1777.     |
| Joseph Chaddock, 1779, 1782, 1783.   | James Hunter, 1779.      |
| Isaac Stone, 1775, 1776, 1777.       | Benjamin Joslyn, 1775.   |
| Ebenezer Woodis, 1778, 1779, 1781.   | Samuel Metcalf, 1775.    |
| Jonathan Bullard, 1775, 1776.        | Ebenezer Nye, 1779.      |
| Joseph Hudson, 1775, 1776.           | Daniel Parmenter, 1780.  |
| Francis Maynard, 1780, 1781.         | Isaiah Parmenter, 1777.  |
| Thomas White, 1775, 1776.            | Solomon Parmenter, 1780. |
| James Ames, 1775.                    | Asa Partridge, 1775.     |
| George Black, 1776.                  | Edward Partridge, 1780.  |
| Joseph Craige, 1775.                 | Edmund Reed, 1781.       |
| John Crawford, 1777.                 | William Smith, 1780.     |
| Samuel Davis, 1778.                  | Alexander Wilson, 1778.  |

Jesse Allen, James Brown and Joseph Chaddock were continued as a Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety during the three years (1784, 1785, 1786) following the close of the war.

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MS. Notes by Rev. J. Dana of Barre, Mass., who was clerk of the Congregational Church in Oakham from its organization in 1773 till 1779.

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MS. Notes (chiefly a record of deaths) by John Robinson.

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Family Histories: Conant (F. O. Conant), Field (Pierce), Macomber (Stackpole), Nye (D. F. Nye), Whitman (Farnam).

#### ABBREVIATIONS

M. S. R. = Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolutionary War.  
(Figure in parenthesis after M. S. R. page number, denotes entry from top of page.)

T. R. = Town Records.

V. R. = Vital Records.



## SOLDIERS IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.

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### Jacob Adams.

Served in five campaigns: (1) on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777; (2) in the defence of Boston beginning April 1, 1778; (3) further service in the defence of Boston, in 1778, for which he was hired by James Brown and William Bothwell; (4) fifteen days with the company that guarded Burgoyne's troops on their march from Rutland to Enfield, Conn., in 1778; (5) three months at Claverack in 1779.

Jacob Adams had a farm of eighty-five acres, fifteen of which were on East Hill, above the Clampherd Meadow, and south of the farm of Joseph Osborn. His wife was named Lydia. He had children, but no record of them has been found. February 15, 1805, he gave up to John Glazier a warrantee deed of his farm, the said Glazier agreeing "to maintain and support him and his wife during their natural lives, to provide for them a comfortable house on the premises, and a sufficient supply of firewood cut fit for the fire and brought into the house, and to provide and deliver to them eleven bushels of Indian meal and five bushels of rye meal, eleven score of good pork yearly, and to keep one cow summer and winter for their use, and to care for them both in health and sickness." He resided in Oakham till his death November 27, 1809. His widow died June 20, 1811.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 190, 214. M. S. R., i, 49 (2), (4). Oakham V. R., 111. John Robinson's notes. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, clviii, 581, clx, 417.

### Nathan Adams.

Enlisted from Oakham, July 10, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for the term of six months, and was discharged January 4, 1778, service, five months, twenty-five days.



Nathan Adams was the son of Nathan Adams of Medway, and, March 3, 1774, received from his father one hundred acres in the southeasterly corner of Barre and in the southwesterly part of Hubbardston. He had already purchased, September 7, 1770, "from John Hucker" (Hooker) of Rutland, for £60, eighty acres in Barre, in Great Farm No. 7. A part of his land was just across the Rutland line and not far from the Craige farms.

M. S. R., i, 64 (10). Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxiii, 105, 150.

### John Alden.

Enlisted June 10, 1777, for three years for the town of Templeton, in Capt. Gardner's Co., Col. Putnam's Regt. Descriptive list taken November 20, 1780: age 30, stature 5 feet 9, complexion dark, hair dark, residence Oakham.

John Alden came to Oakham from Suffield, Conn. He married Prudence Butler, October 11, 1774. A son, Nathaniel Butler, was born in Oakham, November 15, 1778.

M. S. R., i, 108 (7), 111 (16) [Aldin], 132 (15) [Alldin]. Oakham V. R., 9, 55.

### Jesse Allen.

Born in Bridgewater in 1744, son of James Allen, grandson of Nathaniel Allen, and great-grandson of Samuel Allen, of Braintree.

He marched in Capt. John Crawford's Co., Col. James Converse's Regt., (1) on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777, and (2) on the alarm at Bennington, August 20, 1777. He enlisted also, September 24, 1777, in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers and marched to join General Gates at the Northward, service twenty-four days. In addition he has credit on the town records for six weeks in Rhode Island, in 1778.

Jesse Allen came to Oakham from Bridgewater in 1770, and purchased the farm owned by the late Lewis N. Haskell. He was seventeen times Assessor, twenty-two times Moderator, nineteen times Selectman, ten times Treasurer of the Town, seven times a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection

and Safety; was Deacon of the Congregational Church from its origin in 1773 till his death, a period of forty-three years; was member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1805, and Justice of the Peace from 1802 till his death, April 11, 1816.

Jesse Allen was married to Abigail, daughter of Dr. Stoughton Willis, in 1768. Children, all born in Oakham: Olive, October 26, 1770, died April 11, 1805; Parnal, November 7, 1772, married Timothy Nye of Oakham; Lucinda, December 25, 1774; Hannah, February 7, 1777, married in 1805, Capt. Benjamin Little of New Braintree; Cloe, August 10, 1779, married (1) Jonas Leonard of Oakham, (2) Rev. Gaius Conant; Abigail, July 12, 1784, married (1) Dr. Seth Fobes of Oakham, (2) Rev. Abraham Gushee of Dighton; Lucy, January 6, 1788, married Col. Henry Penniman of New Braintree; James, July 2, 1792, married (1) Polly L. Crocker of Paxton, (2) Hannah H. Parker of Dunbarton, N. H.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 189. M. S. R., i, 161 (1), (2). Oakham V. R., 9, 10, 56, 65, 111. New Braintree V. R., 33, 100. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 94, 95, 237. *Knight*, Biog. of Dea. James Allen, 9, 10, 38 [Parnal, Dec. 25, should be Nov. 7]. *Spy*, June 19, 1805. John Robinson's Notes. Dighton Town Clerk's Records.

### Nehemiah Allen, Jr.

Born in Middleboro, March 12, 1765, son of Captain Nehemiah and Abigail (Thomas) Allen. The father, Captain Nehemiah Allen, was brother of Deacon Jesse Allen and was born in Bridgewater, December 10, 1733; removed to Middleboro before 1758 and remained there till April, 1778, when he came to Oakham and purchased from William Banks the farm in Lot No. 32, on which he lived till his death, December 28, 1799. Before coming to Oakham in 1778 he had served in the Revolution as captain of the Third Company of the Fourth Plymouth County Regiment, being in the field for four months, in the fall and early winter of both the years 1776 and 1777, on campaigns in Rhode Island. He later received credit on his assessment for taxes in Oakham for this Middleboro service. He served the town as Moderator in 1783 and as Selectman in 1787.

Children, the first five born at Middleboro: Lois, April 10, 1759; Mary, September 22, 1760; Abiah, February 24, 1763; Nehemiah, Jr. (see above); Susanna, May 2, 1767; Bathshebe, July 16, 1769; Jedediah, January 28, 1774; Washington, February 16, 1776.

Nehemiah Allen, Jr., served from August 27, 1781, to November 7, 1781, in Captain Cutler's Company at West Point.

He removed to Pawlet, Vermont, after 1790 and lived alternately there and in Granville, N. Y. He was in Rochester, N. Y., when the present site of that city was offered him for one shilling per acre. He died in 1852, aged 87.

In 1787 he was married to Moley Bothwell, who died in 1841, aged 73. Children: Lucy, born in 1796; Jane, born in 1800.

Oakham T. R., i, 184, 202, 252, 280, ii, 11, 51, 116. M. S. R., i, 178 (13), 179 (3). Oakham V. R., 56, 65, 111, 116, 128. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 95. *Mayflower Descendant*, xvi, 41. *Weston*, Hist. of Middleboro, 200. Middleboro Town Clerk's Records. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 84, 96. Conant Family, 259, 260. Nye Genealogy, 232. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, January 7, 1800. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 316. *Hollister*, Hist. of Pawlet, Vt., 158, 255, 256. Family Bible of Washington Allen in the possession of Mrs. H. H. Lawrence, of Westboro.

### Jacob Ames.

Enlisted soon after the Battle of Bunker Hill, with other Oakham men, for a term of eight months, in Capt. Hazeltine's (5th) Co., Col. Fellows' (8th) Regt., and served at Roxbury. He reënlisted August 10, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Danforth Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged January 4, 1778.

Jacob Ames was probably nephew of James Ames.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., i, 218 (5), v, 141 (13) [Eames].

### James Ames.

Served in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., from August 27, 1777, to January 4, 1778, four months and eight days, in a campaign at Providence.

He was by trade a blacksmith. In 1770 he purchased of George Harper, for £337 6s. 8d., one hundred and forty-nine acres, one hundred and forty rods, lying on both sides of the county road leading from New Braintree to Worcester, and extending from the College Lot on the east beyond the town road on the

west; also a pew in the meeting-house "betwixt the east door and women's stairs." The farm was later owned by Governor Levi Lincoln and was a part of his "Oakham farm." James Ames kept an inn here from 1776, and perhaps earlier, to 1783. He was Selectman of Oakham in 1780 and 1781, and member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775.

December 8, 1761 he married Elizabeth Hall. Five of their children were born in Oakham: Hannah, February 16, 1771; Abner Craft, May 31, 1773; James, February 22, 1775; Lucy, December 3, 1777; Elizabeth, June 5, 1779.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., i, 218 (14). Oakham V. R., 10, 11. Rutland V. R., 108. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1777-1783. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxiii, 250.

### James Banks.

Born September 19, 1751, O. S., son of William and Azubah (McMains) Banks. He was the first boy born in Oakham.

James Banks served at Roxbury two months in 1776, and went with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777. In 1776 he was detailed by Capt. Crawford to go under Lieut. Asa French in Capt. Abner How's Co. to Horse Neck, but did not join the regiment.

In 1774 he married Martha White of Warren. The same year he purchased of his father, for £120, sixty-four acres in the southeasterly part of Lot No. 29, which he sold in 1778 to John Moore, and his name has not been found later in the registry of deeds.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., i, 577 (13) [Bankes], 578 (4). Oakham V. R., 11. Warren V. R., 76. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 147, lxxx, 404.

### William Banks.

Enlisted as Private in Capt. Ralph Earll's company to serve at Providence from July 2, 1777, to January 4, 1778. Before joining

the company, he marched, July 23, 1777, on the Rhode Island alarm, and August 20, 1777, on the Bennington alarm. He has credit also on the town records for five months' service in New York.

William Banks was one of the first ten settlers of Oakham. In 1756 he purchased from Robert McMains, his father-in-law, for £200, seventy-three acres, being one-half of three-sevenths of Lot No. 32. He lived with his father-in-law in a house on this lot and purchased more land during the next twenty years. In 1778 he sold one hundred and eighty acres to Nehemiah Allen. He was Assessor in 1764, Warden in 1764, and six times Selectman.

He was married to Azubah, daughter of Robert McMains, June 7, 1750. Children, all born in Oakham: James, September 19, 1751, O. S.; Mary, September 28, 1756, O. S.; William, February 29, 1760; Elizabeth, December 13, 1761; Sarah, February 27, 1766; Noble, October 26, 1767; Ann, September 9, 1771.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., i, 577 (14), (15) [Bankes], 579 (8), (9). Oakham V. R., 11. Rutland V. R., 110. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxxvii, 185, lxxix, 316.

### Heman Bassett.

Marched in Capt. John Crawford's company on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777.

He came to Oakham before 1776. In 1780 he purchased of Jonathan Bullard, for £52 5s. lawful silver money, twenty-eight acres in the southwesterly corner of Lot No. 13. He was chosen Chorister at a church meeting held December 18, 1782, and was Selectman of Oakham in 1787. Sometime after 1790 he removed to Guildhall, Vt., from which place he wrote a letter to Father Tomlinson, January 8, 1810, which is still preserved.

In 1776 he married Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Martha (Munroe) Stone. Children, born in Oakham: Patty, April 29, 1777; William, April 7, 1779; Joel, October 29, 1781; Heman, February 7, 1785; Roxena, April 27, 1787.

Oakham T. R., i, 146, 187. M. S. R., i, 753 (8) [Basset]. Oakham V. R., 12, 47, 58. Oakham Church Records, i, 6. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. MS. Letter of Heman Bassett, Jan. 8, 1810, in possession of H. P. Wright. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxviii, 64.

### William Batt.

Enlisted August 9, 1781, for three months, for the town of Barre, in Capt. Jonathan Sibley's Co., Col. Drury's Regt. Discharged November 21, 1781, service, three months and thirteen days.

William Batt, an Englishman, was a wool comber and a tailor. He came to Oakham from Barre before 1790. July 1, 1795, he purchased from Asa Perkins of Ludlow, for £10, ten acres of upland, with all the buildings thereon, on the slope of the hill on the south side of the road that leads from the village to the Page Austin place. His name is preserved in Batt Hill and Batt Brook.

October 24, 1780, he married Elizabeth Correy of Oakham.

M. S. R., i, 809 (3). Oakham V. R., 63 [Butt]. Barre V. R., 119 [Butts]. New Braintree V. R., 68. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxxiii, 481.

### The Bell Family.

James Bell was born in Belegaley, in the county of Tyrone and kingdom of Ireland, in the year 1706. At an early age he came to America and settled in Rutland, from which place he removed to Oakham in 1749, being one of the first ten settlers. In 1745 he purchased for £160, one hundred acres in Lot No. 30, on which he and his descendants lived for more than a hundred years. He was Warden in 1762, Assessor in 1764, and Selectman in 1760 and 1764.

May 24, 1733, he was married to Martha Crawford (born 1706), eldest daughter of Aaron and Agnes (Wilson) Crawford. Their children were seven sons and four daughters.



James Bell died March 25, 1793, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. His wife died September 20, 1795, at the age of eighty-nine.

Gravestone Record in Old Cemetery at Oakham. Oakham V. R., 112. Rutland V. R., 113. Crawford Family of Oakham, 7, 8 [Sept. 20 = Dec. 20]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xx, 441.

### Abraham Bell.

Enlisted in the summer of 1776 for two months' service with Lieut. Asa French at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle and marched on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777.

He was fifth son of James Bell, was married to Miss Joslyn of New Braintree, and settled in Murrayfield (now Chester).

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187. M. S. R., i, 907 (12). Crawford Family of Oakham, 9. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### James Bell, Jr.

Marched with Capt. Crawford as Corporal in the Oakham company of minutemen on April 19, 1775. In the summer of 1776 he enlisted for a term of two months with Lieut. Asa French, at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. He went also with the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and in a campaign to Bennington in August, 1777.

He was the second son of James Bell, and was born in 1744. In 1792 he was married to Anna Osborn, daughter of Joseph and Jennett (Hodge) Osborn, who was baptized in Hopkinton, July 27, 1760. They had four children, born in Oakham: Melinda, September 24, 1794; Polly Davis, February 15, 1796; Patty Crawford, January 7, 1798; Anna Osborn, August 24, 1800.

Polly Bell married Walter McFarland, May 27, 1817, and Patty Bell married Daniel McFarland, May 19, 1817. After residing in Oakham for a short time, these two families settled in the town of Stark, New Hampshire.

James Bell died July 17, 1811, aged sixty-seven, and the inventory of his estate was filed October 22, 1811. His widow, Anna



Osborn Bell, died March 1, 1850. Her funeral sermon, preached by Rev. James Kimball, is still preserved.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., i, 909 (9), (10). Oakham V. R., 12, 58, 86, 112. Hopkinton V. R., 144 [Ozborn], 336 [Orsborn]. Oakham Town Clerk's Records. Crawford Family of Oakham, 8. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Oct. 22, 1811. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### John Bell.

Marched in Capt. Crawford's company on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777.

He was the third son of James Bell, and was married to Hannah White of Western (now Warren) in 1776, and settled in Murrayfield (now Chester).

Oakham T. R., i, 187. M. S. R., i, 910 (5). Crawford Family of Oakham, 8.

### Samuel Bell.

Was Private in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen who marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775.

He was the sixth son of James Bell. June 22, 1780, he married Miss Elizabeth Campbell of Murrayfield (now Chester), and lived in that place.

M. S. R., i, 911 (6). Crawford Family of Oakham, 9.

### Silas Bellows.

Private in Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Ward's Regt.; enlisted May 10, 1775, for the term of eight months in the siege of Boston. He also marched on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms in 1777, and probably served as Sergeant in Capt. John Howard's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt., in 1776 and 1777.

His daughter Lissy was baptized in Oakham by Rev. J. Dana, November 12, 1775.

M. S. R., i, 916 (9), (10), 918 (8) [Bellows]. Rev. J. Dana's Notes.

## Joseph Berry.

Born in Rutland, December 29, 1752, son of Sheers and Esther (Woodward) Berry.

Joseph Berry was one of the Oakham minutemen in Capt. Crawford's company who marched on the Lexington alarm. April 27, while still at Roxbury, he reënlisted in Capt. Hazeltine's company of men raised in the towns of Hardwick, New Braintree, and Oakham, for the siege of Boston, and was entitled to a bounty coat or its equivalent in money, as is shown by a statement dated at Hardwick November 2, 1775. On March 11, 1777, he enlisted for a term of three years in the Continental Army, in the same regiment and company with his father. He was claimed by Rutland, the place of his birth; but a committee for settling disputes between towns as to soldiers claimed by them, sitting at Barre, June 25, 1778, credited him to Oakham. He was reported sick in hospital in July, 1779, but returned to duty the following month. He was discharged March 11, 1780.

He was married August 5, 1782, to Sarah Powers.

Oakham T. R., i, 165, 171. M. S. R., i, 704 (6) [Barry], 994 (8), (12). Oakham V. R., 12. New Braintree V. R., 69.

## Sheers Berry.

Enlisted for a campaign of two months at Roxbury in the early part of 1776, and receipted for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears, on February 15. March 11, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army for the term of three years, in Capt. Abel Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt. After his discharge from the Continental Army, he reënlisted on July 5, 1780, for a three months' campaign at West Point, from which he was discharged October 10, 1780.

Sheers Berry's name appears on the Rutland town records in 1750, when he was chosen Field Driver. His wife joined the church in Rutland, March 8, 1752. In 1759, he enlisted, at the age of thirty-three, "in his Majesty's service within the Province

of Massachusetts Bay in the Regiment whereof Tim<sup>o</sup> Ruggles, Esq., is Colonel, for the invasion of Canada."

He came from Rutland to Oakham in 1765, and was "warned out" by the Selectmen, not because they had anything against him, but on account of their unpleasant experience with the Widow Gordon, who became a town pauper after having lived in Oakham a very short time. For many years he lived on the farm owned by the late James S. Foster.

He was married in Rutland, June 15, 1750, to Esther Woodward of Holden, and had eight children, the first five born in Rutland: Eunice, June 22, 1751; Joseph, December 29, 1752; Ephraim, November 25, 1754; Esther, December 5, 1757; Lydia, September 8, 1760; John, April 4, 1772; Woodward, September 2, 1774; Benjamin, baptized August 17, 1777.

Sheers Berry was living in Oakham in 1790, but died before October 8, 1800, when his wife is called "Widow Esther Berry" in the *Spy*.

Oakham T. R., i, 36, 165, 171, 199, 252. Rutland T. R., March 4, 1750. Mass. Muster Rolls, 1759. M. S. R., i, 997 (3). Oakham V. R., 12 [Beary]. Rutland V. R., 15, 114. Rutland Church Records, March 8, 1752. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. *Spy*, Oct. 8, 1800.

### James Bigelow.

Enlisted for three years in the Continental Army for the town of Oakham; descriptive list taken April 28, 1781; age 18, stature 5 feet 4, complexion dark, occupation blacksmith, residence Oakham.

M. S. R., ii, 25 (10).

### The Black Family.

Abraham Black came from Rutland, and in 1758 purchased of Aaron Estabrook, of Chelmsford, for £5, forty and one-half acres in Lot BB. He was Selectman of Oakham in 1765.

April 18, 1753, he was married, in Rutland, to Mary, daughter of John and Grace McIntyre. Though the family records are

not preserved, he was probably the father of George, James, Stewart, and William Black, who were soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Rutland V. R., 115. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxxviii, 479.

### George Black.

Was Sergeant in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen who marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. On May 1, 1775, he reënlisted for eight months in Capt. Simeon Hazeltine's company, which served at Roxbury. He was appointed Lieutenant in that company, and received his commission June 7, 1775.

He was on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1776.

May 19, 1774, he married Bethiah Allen, daughter of James Allen, of Bridgewater, and sister of Deacon Jesse Allen, of Oakham. Mrs. Bethiah Allen Black died April 19, 1836, aged eighty-six years. Her daughter, Bethiah Black, died September 29, 1873. Lieut. George Black lived on the farm owned by the late Reuben Dean.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., ii, 94 (10), 128 (3) [Blake]. Oakham V. R., 59 [Blake], 112. Oakham Town Clerk's Records. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 95.

### James Black.

Private in Capt. Joseph Livermore's company; enlisted July 3, 1779, for a term of three months with guards at Rutland, and was discharged October 4, 1779.

In 1775 he was married to the Widow Rebeckah Lyon.

Oakham T. R., i, 215. M. S. R., ii, 96 (2). Oakham V. R., 59.

### Stewart Black.

Private in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, and Ensign in Capt. Hazeltine's company, in which he reënlisted April 27, 1775, for

a term of eight months. He served also under Capt. Nathan Hamilton from August 3 to September 30, 1776, in the company sent to Ticonderoga and Fort Edward, and marched with the Oakham company on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.

He married Anna, daughter of Aaron and Jean (Craige) Parmenter, in 1778.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., ii, 100 (5), (6), 137 (2), (3) [Blake].  
Oakham V. R., 41, 59.

### William Black.

Marched with Capt. John Crawford's company of minutemen on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, and was one of those who, before the minutemen were discharged, reënlisted in Capt. Hazeltine's company, on April 27, for a term of eight months, and was entitled to a bounty coat or its equivalent in money. July 2, 1777, he reënlisted in Capt. Ralph Earll's company and served six months at Providence. In 1779 he enlisted in the Continental Army for three years for the town of Northfield, giving his residence as Oakham.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., ii, 100 (10), 138 (2), (3), (6) [Blake].

### James Blair.

Son of James Blair, who was born in Scotland, went at the age of five with his parents to Ireland, and two years later came to America. The father was a coachman and married an English girl named Pepper. Three sons, James, Asa, and Joseph, served in the War of the Revolution. Asa died as a result of wounds received in the battle of White Plains.

James Blair served as Private for a term of two months at Roxbury under Capt. Barnabas Sears, and again in a campaign to Bennington and Half Moon in August, 1777. He was Corporal in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers, which marched to join General Gates at the Northward, September 24, 1777. On July 9, 1778, he was sent to guard stores at Brookfield. In 1780 he served as Sergeant in Col. Whitney's Regt. in Rhode Island.

April 16, 1776, he purchased of Benjamin Joslyn, for £293, one hundred and ten acres on the road leading from George Black's to Silas Frost's in New Braintree; this was the Charles Keith place. Mr. Blair was one of the early signers of the church covenant, but was not in town in 1773 when the Congregational Church was organized.

He married Sarah Joslyn of New Braintree, April 26, 1770. Children: Lucy, born June 24, 1771; Sally, born November 27, 1772; Katey, born November 18, 1774; Joseph, born April 10, 1777; Asa, born May 13, 1780; James, born November 4, 1782; Polly, born December 10, 1784; Hosea, born August 3, 1787.

November 22, 1793, Sally Blair married George Black, 2d, and in 1800 was living in Wardsboro, Vt. George Black, 2d, died November 24, 1810, at Watervliet, N. Y. His widow, Sally Blair Black, died October 23, 1863, near Castle Creek, N. Y.

After the death of his first wife, James Blair married, December 23, 1799, Annie Hagar, widow of Isaac Hagar, and removed to the Wilbur place, which had been given her by her father, Capt. Jonathan Bullard.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., ii, 118 (8), (9), (10), (11), (12). Oakham V. R., 12, 59. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. New Braintree V. R., 69. Oakham Church Records, i, 1, 3. *J. A. Young*, Genealogical Notes, Part II, 1, 3. Recollections of Mrs. Horace Wilbur. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 438.

### Apollos Bolton.

Has credit on the town records for service in a three months' campaign at West Point, from July 5 to October 10, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 252.

### Elias Bolton.

Enlisted July 6, 1780, in the Continental Army for a term of six months; age 18, stature 5 feet 9, complexion light. In the fall of 1780, he was Fife Major in Col. Gamaliel Bradford's regiment. He was discharged December 11, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 251. M. S. R., ii, 249 (9).



## Nathaniel Bolton, Jr.

Probably son of Nathaniel and Deborah (Washburn) Bolton of Bridgewater, who were married March 24, 1740.

He marched with Capt. Crawford July 23, 1777, on the Rhode Island alarm.

Nathaniel Bolton was a school-teacher and a local poet. At least three of his poems were printed. In the *Massachusetts Spy* of April 8, 1779, was the announcement:

"On Saturday next will be published, and to be sold at the Printing-Office, A Poem on the Surrender of Gen. Burgoyne &c, composed by Nathaniel Bolton of Oakham, the week after that glorious conquest obtained by Gen. Gates."

Some verses written by him on the "Death of Dr. Spencer Field" are preserved in the Fobes Memorial Library, and "A Poem on Infidelity," Greenwich, 1808, is in the Boston Public Library. An acrostic (MS.) on the Death of Mrs. Hannah Foster is in the possession of Miss Laura G. Burt. Mr. Bolton lived on the county road from Rutland to Brookfield, about a half mile south of Ware Corner.

He married Jane, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Washburn) Thompson of Bridgewater, in 1777. She was born in Bridgewater, in 1749, and died in Oakham, May 8, 1814. Only one son, Oliver, lived to grow up.

M. S. R., ii, 251 (7). Oakham V. R., 112. *Spy*, Apr. 8, 1779. Note of Dea. Jesse Allen. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 118, 314. Plymouth Co. Marriages, 30. *Bolton*, Boltons of O. & N. England, xii.

## Alexander Bothwell, 2d.

Son of Alexander Bothwell, who with his wife was among those who had been communicants in Ireland and who in 1729, "producing letters testimonial and consenting to church covenant, were admitted to full communion" with the church in Rutland.

Alexander Bothwell, 2d, served in six campaigns: (1) on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777; (2) in Capt. Crawford's Co., September 7 to November 29, 1777, at Still-



water, in the army that captured General Burgoyne; (3) in the company that guarded Burgoyne's troops at Rutland from March 30 to July 2, 1778; (4) in Col. Whitney's Regt. from July 30 to September 13, 1778; (5) as guard at Rutland in the summer of 1779; (6) again as guard at Rutland, April 20 to December 20, 1780. He was Corporal in the Stillwater campaign.

He was one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, and in 1748 purchased from Jonas Clark of Boston, for "Five Pounds in Bills of Credit of ye Last Emission," seven hundred and four acres, as follows: the whole of Lot No. 20, seventy-nine acres in Lot X, and four triangular pieces of land called gores, lettered P, Q, R, S. He built a house at what is now Rice Corner, and kept an inn here from 1758, when his name first appears on the list of licensed innholders.

Alexander Bothwell, 2d, was Precinct Moderator in 1760, and Selectman of the Precinct in 1759 and 1762. He was the father of eight children, the first four born in Rutland: Rachel, August 8, 1742; Alexander, 3d, January 7, 1744; Mary, March 8, 1746, married in March, 1787, to Nehemiah Allen, Jr.; William, May 19, 1748; Prudence, July 20, 1750, married July 8, 1790, to Valentine Bullard; John, May 14, 1752; Sarah, October 15, 1755; James, September 1, 1758.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 215. M. S. R., ii, 300 (2) [Bothel], (9). Oakham V. R., 13, 60. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Rutland Church Records, 1729. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1758. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liv, 202.

### Alexander Bothwell, 3d.

Born in Rutland, January 7, 1744, eldest son of Alexander Bothwell, 2d, who was one of the first ten settlers of Oakham.

He marched as Second Lieutenant in Capt. John Crawford's company of minutemen on April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. When the 4th Worcester County Regiment was organized in Brookfield, May 14, 1776, he was chosen First Lieutenant in the 8th Company, under the command of Capt. John Crawford, and received his commission May 31, 1776. He served as Lieutenant in Capt. Crawford's company on the

alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777; on the alarm at Bennington, August 20, 1777; also in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers which marched to join General Gates at the Northward, September 24, 1777, and in Capt. Daniel Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., from July 30 to September 13, 1778, at Rhode Island.

Little is known of his family. His wife's name was Mary. He lived in Oakham till his death, which occurred in 1813.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 189, 214, 228, 229. M. S. R., ii, 300 (6) [Bothwell], (10). Oakham V. R., 13. Bothwell Family Records (MS.) in possession of Miss Florence Bothwell of Oakham. See John Crawford, p. 70.

### James Bothwell.

Born in Oakham, September 1, 1758, the fourth son of Alexander Bothwell, 2d.

He enlisted September 7, 1777, in Capt. Crawford's company for a term of three months in the Stillwater campaign, and was made Corporal. He served also in Capt. Whipple's Co. on the Rhode Island alarm.

James Bothwell was married (1) to Mary Wilson, May 31, 1779; (2) to Sally Prouty, October 2, 1797.

M. S. R., ii, 300 (3) [Botherill], (11). Oakham V. R., 13, 59, 60.

### John Bothwell.

Born in Oakham, May 14, 1752, third son of Alexander Bothwell, 2d.

He was one of the Oakham minutemen who marched with Capt. Crawford on the alarm of April 19, 1775. In the following year he served three months in New York. He was a member of Capt. Crawford's company which marched in 1777 on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms, and of Capt. Cutler's company of volunteers sent September 24, 1777, to join General Gates at the Northward.

John Bothwell lived on the present Bothwell farm. In 1778 he purchased of Thomas Mann the grist mill on the Five Mile

River, which has since remained in the possession of the Bothwell family.

He married Rebecca McFarland, daughter of Alexander McFarland, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham. Children, born in Oakham: Susannah, July 8, 1773; John, Jr., September 25, 1775; Rebecka, May 23, 1780; Lucretia, October 1, 1784; Reuben, April 9, 1788; Cheney, October 17, 1790.

Cheney Bothwell married (1) Electa Rockwood of New Braintree in 1810. After her death, January 14, 1825, he married (2) Charlotte Rockwood. He was the father of Sylvander Bothwell, who served in the 42d Mass. Inf. in the Civil War.

John Bothwell died in Oakham, January 12, 1814. His widow, Rebecca, died October 28, 1848, aged ninety-seven years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188, 189. M. S. R., ii, 300 (7) [Bothwell], (12). Oakham V. R., 13 [Lucretia = Christie], 59, 112 [Jan. 12, 1814 = Jan. 11, 1812 (1822)]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1776 [Alexander McFarland]. Bothwell Family Records (see above). John Robinson's Notes.

### William Bothwell.

Born in Rutland, May 19, 1748, second son of Alexander Bothwell, 2d.

He was Private in the company which marched under the command of Capt. Crawford on the alarm of April 19, 1775, and served as Corporal in 1776 for a term of two months with Lieut. Asa French at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. July 23, 1777, he went as Corporal in the Oakham company on an alarm at Rhode Island. He served six months in Rhode Island in 1777, and guaranteed one half of the expense of hiring Jacob Adams for a term of six months at Boston in 1777.

William Bothwell was Selectman of Oakham in 1784, 1785, and 1791. He was married to Eunice, daughter of George Harper, April 27, 1769.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188, 214. M. S. R., ii, 300 (13). Oakham V. R., 13, 59 [Bothel]. Bothwell Family Records (see above). Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

## The Boyd Family.

The Boyd family came from the north of Ireland. Samuel Boyd removed from Rutland to Oakham in 1762 and bought of Nathaniel Hatch of Dorchester for £76 4s. 4d., Lot W, two hundred and fifty acres, and also nineteen acres in Lot BB. He was Warden in 1764, and Chairman of the Selectmen of Oakham in 1765. He was a strong Presbyterian and was one of the committee appointed by the town that was directed to "aplie to the Prisberty for a minister and Now whare Eals." His sons James and John served in the Revolution.

Letter of Mrs. Alfred D. Parkman of North Brookfield. Oakham T. R., i, 31. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xlv, 376.

## James Boyd.

Served in seven campaigns. He enlisted (1) May 2, 1775, for eight months' service at Roxbury under Capt. Hazeltine; (2) May 5, 1777, for two months at Rhode Island under Capt. Hodges; (3) August 27, 1777, for four months under Capt. Earll; (4) July 5, 1780, for three months under Capt. Paige at West Point; (5) August 27, 1781, for service of three months at West Point under Capt. Cutler. He was also detailed (6) to go with the company which guarded Burgoyne's troops on their march from Rutland to Enfield, Conn., November 3, 1778; and (7) marched with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island alarm. In the second, fourth and sixth campaigns he served as Corporal.

He married Janet Bell in 1780, and had three sons, William, John, and Cheney, and four daughters, Mehetabel, Mary, Rebekah, and Lucretia, all born in Oakham.

Cheney was born in 1797, and married Susan Flint of Oakham. His son, Isaac M., born in Oakham, July 7, 1821, was the father of John Flint Boyd, a soldier in the Civil War.

Mrs. Janet Boyd was buried in the south part of the burying ground in the center of the town. The new meeting-house, which was erected in 1814, covered her grave, and this led her

husband to lay out the Boyd cemetery, in which he and seven of his family were buried.

James Boyd died October 14, 1824, aged seventy-two years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 214, 252, 280. M. S. R., ii, 358 (6), (7), 368 (5) [Boyed]. Oakham V. R., 60, 112. *Temple*, Hist. of No. Brookfield, 534, 535. Letter of Mrs. Parkman (see above).

### John Boyd.

Corporal in the company of Oakham minutemen who marched April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. He was also a private in Capt. Hamilton's company which served from August 3 to September 30, 1776, at Ticonderoga and Fort Edward. October 14, 1779, he enlisted for a term of three months at Claverack, and was placed in Col. Denny's regiment. He has credit on the town records for the Rhode Island alarm, and for a term of six months in Rhode Island in 1777.

John Boyd became Captain of the Oakham company of Massachusetts militia in 1794. He was a man of much ability and of good education, and was employed by the town for many years to make tax rates. He was often Assessor, was eight times Selectman of Oakham (in the years 1781, 1788, 1791, 1794, 1797, 1799, 1801, and 1802), and in 1798 represented the town in the Massachusetts Legislature. In 1781 he was married to Judith Hall of Cornish.

Capt. Boyd died in Oakham, August 12, 1833, at the age of eighty-two years.

Oakham T. R., i, 171, 188, 242, ii, 287. M. S. R., ii, 358 (8), (9). Oakham V. R., 60, 113.

### Asa Briggs.

Marched in Capt. John Crawford's company on the alarm at Bennington, August 20, 1777. He enlisted September 7, 1777, for the Stillwater campaign, served with the army that captured Burgoyne, and was discharged November 29, 1777.

In 1783 he purchased land on East Hill, near Jacob Adams and Joseph Osborn. At a church meeting held June 17, 1779, he was chosen Chorister. He was one of the early signers of the church covenant, but probably was not in town in 1773, when the Congregational church was organized.

Asa Briggs married Levina Chaddock, of Oakham, November 12, 1778.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., ii, 499 (2). Oakham V. R., 61. Oakham Church Records, i, 1, 3, 6. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xcii, 407.

### James Brown.

Marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm, and has credit on the town records for six months at Brookfield. He also guaranteed one-half the expense of hiring a man for a campaign to New York for five months, and to Boston for two months.

He came from Paxton to Oakham with his sister, Thankful Brown, Spinster, and purchased, March 26, 1765, from Seth Metcalf of Paxton, for £150, one hundred and fifteen acres in Lot No. 2, the farm on East Hill owned by the late William E. Keep. He was Selectman of Oakham four years, member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety seven years, and was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a Congregational church in Oakham.

His first wife's name was Mary. She died September 28, 1795, aged fifty-five years. He was again married, in 1796, to Widow Rhoda Clark of Rutland. Mr. Brown died June 12, 1819, aged seventy-eight years. Four children are mentioned in his will, which was filed July 6, 1819:

Moses, born April 10, 1773, Town Clerk of Oakham in 1812. His daughter, Esther Brown, was a well-known local revivalist.

Thankful, married in 1810 to Jacob Evans of Rutland. Some of her writings on religious subjects, intended for publication but never printed, are still preserved.



Aaron, who married Azubah Green in 1786, and Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Pratt. The last two died before April 8, 1818, when the will was written.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188, 189, 214. M. S. R., ii, 685 (12) [Samuel Brown]. Oakham V. R., 14. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Note of Dea. Jesse Allen. Recollections of Miss Amanda Crawford. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, July 6, 1819. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liii, 171, xcvi, 528.

### John Brown.

Marched in Capt. Crawford's company on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms, and paid one-half the expense of sending a man to New York for a term of five months.

June 23, 1773, he signed the petition to the Council for the organization of the Oakham church in Congregational form.

December 17, 1764, John Brown of Marlboro was married in Bolton to Phebe Fosket. Children: Phebe, born March 15, 1765, in Bolton; Elisabeth, born in Oakham August 30, 1770; Lucy, born in Oakham September 14, 1773.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188. M. S. R., ii, 646 (11). Oakham V. R., 14. Bolton V. R., 114. Oakham Church Records, i, 1.

### Isaac Bullard.

Born in Weston, Mass., April 2, 1749, the second son of Jonathan and Anna (Harrington) Bullard.

He marched in Capt. John Crawford's company on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777, and served from July 26, 1777, to January 4, 1778, in Rhode Island, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt.

He removed to Maine, where he was married and had several children, but the records of his family are not preserved.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., ii, 773 (8) [Bulard], 782 (10). *Bond*, Geneal. and Hist. of Watertown, 148. Letter of J. H. Bullard of Springfield, Mass.



## Jonathan Bullard.

Born in Watertown, March 29, 1727, son of Jonathan and Ruth (Harrington) Bullard and descendant in the fifth generation of George Bullard, who died in Watertown, January 14, 1688.

He was commissioned in 1771 First Lieutenant in the militia company of Oakham, of which James Craige, Jr., was Captain. In 1775 he had the title of Captain on the town records, and had no doubt by that time received his commission as Captain. He has credit on the town records for five months' service in the Revolutionary War, in New York in 1776.

About 1750 he removed from Weston to Rutland, where he was innholder. His house was near White Hall, and on the county road from Rutland to Brookfield. In 1757 he removed to Oakham and purchased from Thomas Allen of Dorchester, for £54, the northerly half of Lot No. 13, containing one hundred and forty-five acres, the farm which is still occupied by Henry Bullard and on which seven generations of Bullards have lived. He increased his landed estates till he became the largest landholder in Oakham, owning a tract extending from near the northern boundary of the town to the road which runs from the present village of Oakham to New Braintree. He built a house on his original purchase, set on high land and commanding a fine view toward the north and northwest. This house stood practically unchanged till 1865, when it was remodeled by his great-grandson, Avery Bullard.

Jonathan Bullard held all the important offices in the gift of his fellow-citizens. He was often Assessor, Collector, and Treasurer; served twenty-three times as Moderator and fourteen times as Selectman, having been chosen on the first Board elected after the incorporation of Oakham; was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775 and 1776; represented the town in the Great and General Court in 1787, 1788 and 1789; and was Delegate to the Provincial Congress which convened at Salem, October 7, 1774.

He was married to Anna Harrington in 1745. After her death in 1753, he was again married, May 22, 1755, to Lydia,

daughter of Ebenezer Foster of Rutland, and sister of Lieut. Ebenezer Foster, the well-known innholder of Oakham.

Children of Jonathan and Anna (Harrington) Bullard: Silas, born in Weston, May 24, 1746; Isaac, born in Weston, April 2, 1749; Sybilla, born in Rutland, November 3, 1750; Hannah, born in Rutland, February 3, 1752; Samuel, born in Rutland, November 20, 1753.

Children of Jonathan and Lydia (Foster) Bullard: Dorothy, born in Rutland, October 26, 1755; Ruth, born in Rutland, February 21, 1757; Jonathan, Jr., born in Oakham, December 24, 1758; Abigail, born in Oakham, March, 1761; Patty, born in Oakham in 1763; Phineas, born in Oakham in July, 1764, baptized August 14, 1764; Moses, baptized April 4, 1767; Valentine, born in Oakham in 1769; Ebenezer, baptized August 8, 1773; Hepsebeth, born in Oakham in 1776; Lydia, born in Oakham in 1778. There were two daughters, Anna and Sarah, the dates of whose birth are not now known. Anna married Col. Isaac Hagar in Waltham, April 26, 1770; her son, David Hagar, born October 14, 1781, was father of Mrs. Horace Wilbur.

Capt. Jonathan Bullard died in Oakham, November 26, 1796, aged seventy years. He was buried either on his own land or in the churchyard in the center of the town. His monument stands in Pine Grove Cemetery, but this was not laid out till 1812. On his monument are the following inscriptions. That of his widow was added several years after the stone dedicated to his memory was erected, and is cut mostly between the lines of the original inscription:

IN MEMORY OF  
CAPT. JON BULLARD & Mrs.  
Lydia Bullard, his wife. She died  
WHO DIED  
May 11th, 1819  
NOV. 26TH, A. D. 1796  
Aged 84  
IN YE 70 YR  
OF HIS AGE

"'Tis but a few whose days amount  
To three score years and ten  
And all beyond that short account  
Is sorrow, toil and pain."

Oakham T. R., i, 138, 168. Lieutenancy and Congressional Certificates in possession of J. H. Bullard (see above). Oakham V. R., 113. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Rutland V. R., 23, 121. Waltham V. R., 44, 162. *Bond*, Geneal. and Hist. of Watertown, 148. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxiv, 502, xl, 167.

### Jonathan Bullard, Jr.

Born in Oakham, December 24, 1758, the fourth son of Jonathan Bullard, and the eldest son of his second wife, Lydia Foster.

He marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777, and has credit on the town records for six weeks in Rhode Island in response to the call of June 16, 1778.

Jonathan Bullard, Jr., was a farmer and lived in a house at the Fairbank place from 1791 till 1800. This farm belonged to his father till November, 1796, when the son purchased from his father seventy acres of the farm, with the buildings thereon. February 4, 1800, he sold this property to Artemas Howe. Sometime after 1800, he removed to Maine and lived for many years in the town of Turner, and later in Foxcroft.

He was married June 13, 1781, to Ruth Whittemore of Spencer, Mass., and had twelve children. The eldest was Jonathan, born in Oakham September 18, 1800, married October 3, 1824, to Nancy Bradford. He died June 4, 1879, in Foxcroft, Maine.

The other children were: Isaac, Hephsebeth, Ruth (died young), Asa, Ebenezer, Ruth, Nathan, Joseph, Marshall, Lucy, Sally.

Jonathan Bullard, father of the above children, died in Foxcroft, Maine, December 28, 1854, aged ninety-six years.

Oakham T. R., i, 188, 214. M. S. R., ii, 773 (12) [Bulard]. Rutland V. R., 23. Letter of J. H. Bullard (see above). Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxxx, 138, cxxxi, 237, cxxxviii, 596.

### Samuel Bullard.

Born in Rutland, November 20, 1753, third son and fifth child of Jonathan and Anna (Harrington) Bullard.

He enlisted June 5, 1775, and served eight months at Roxbury, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt. He also marched

with the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and enlisted August 28, 1777, in Capt. Hodges's Co., Col. Cushing's Regt., for service at the Northward.

He was married to Abigail Furness, sister of Mary Furness, the wife of his brother Silas. They had seven children. Samuel Bullard removed to Onondaga, N. Y., where he was killed in 1802, at the raising of a building at a place called "The Lord's Corners." Mrs. Bullard died in 1840, aged ninety-six years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187. M. S. R., ii, 788 (2), (5). Rutland V. R., 23. Letter of J. H. Bullard (see above).

### Silas Bullard.

Born in Weston, May 24, 1746, eldest child of Jonathan and Anna (Harrington) Bullard.

He was Corporal of the Oakham company of minutemen which marched April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm; served two months in 1776 with Lieut. Asa French at Tarrytown, N. Y., in Col. James Converse's Regt.; marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777; and with Lieut. Alexander Bothwell, 3d, September 25, 1777, to join General Gates at the Northward.

He was a farmer and large landholder. He built the original house, and owned the farm where the late Sanford H. Bullard lived and which is still in possession of his descendants. He subscribed £1 10s. toward building the house of Mr. Tomlinson in 1786, to be paid in brick, probably of his own manufacture. He was Selectman of Oakham for twelve years, and Treasurer of the town eight years.

Silas Bullard was married, April 4, 1770, to Mary Furness, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Furness, who came to Oakham from Lynn in 1765. Children, all born in Oakham: Bettey, June 7, 1771; Benjamin, March 16, 1773; Alpha, March 22, 1775, Ruth, December 5, 1777; Adin, October 11, 1779; William, January 3, 1782; Moley, May 9, 1784; Silas, Jr., April 15, 1787;

Editha, June 11, 1789; Melissa, June 11, 1792; Calvin, September 26, 1794; Joel, October 7, 1796.

Two great-grandsons of Silas Bullard, Sergeant George A. Bullard and his brother Silas, were soldiers in Co. E, 4th Michigan Cavalry, and shared in the capture of Jefferson Davis and his party on May 10, 1865, near Irwinsville, Ga., Sergeant Bullard being the second, and Silas being among the first six that entered his camp.

Silas Bullard died February 9, 1826, aged seventy-nine. His wife, born in 1751, died February 1, 1821.

Oakham T. R., i, 37 [Furnish], 168, 188, 189. M. S. R., i, 552 (1) [Ballard], ii, 774 (2) [Bulard], 789 (2). Oakham V. R., 14, 15, 62, 114. Letter of J. H. Bullard (see above). Subscription Paper for Mr. Tomlinson, May 3, 1786 (MS.). *Bond*, Geneal. and Hist. of Watertown, 148. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### Isaiah Butler.

Has credit on the town records for three months' service in New York in the latter half of 1776.

He came from Hardwick. February 7, 1771, he was married, in New Braintree, to Abigail Thresher. Children, born in Oakham: Prudence, April 5, 1772; Daniel, May 3, 1775.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Oakham V. R., 16. New Braintree V. R., 73.

### John Butler.

Was one of the Oakham minutemen that marched with Capt. Crawford on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. He was sent as guard to Boston April 1, 1778, and was detailed by Capt. Crawford to serve, in November of that year, with the company that guarded Burgoyne's troops on their march from Rutland to Enfield, Conn. From October 14 to November 22, 1779, he was in Col. Gerrish's Regt., which was sent to reinforce the army under General Washington.

He was married to Grace Black in 1775. Children, all born in Oakham: Alice, June 9, 1775; John, Jr., June 23, 1777; Lucretia, March 27, 1779; Molly, October 27, 1780; Sarah,

October 24, 1782; James, January 22, 1785; Walter, December 20, 1786; Elias, November 19, 1788; Melina, April 23, 1793; Melissa, May 1, 1795; Walter, April 27, 1798.

John Butler hired a private tutor to teach his children in his own house. His daughter Alice became a woman of much intelligence and culture. She was married to Jonas Munroe, in August, 1801. Their son James, born in Oakham, January 25, 1818, was graduated from Yale College in 1845. He taught as Principal of schools in Georgia, in eastern Massachusetts, and in Rockville, Cal., where he died March 19, 1861.

John Butler died October 9, 1813. His widow, Grace, died January 12, 1818. The old Butler house was on the east side of the East Hill road, near where Edmund Dean afterward lived.

Oakham T. R., i, 189, 214. M. S. R., ii, 949 (7), 950 (7). Oakham V. R., 16, 63 [Butlar], 114. Record of the Class of 1845, Yale College (1881), 142-146. Recollections of Miss Amanda Crawford. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Nov. 20, 1813. John Robinson's Notes.

### George Caswell.

Was one of the minutemen in the Oakham company that marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He has also credit on the town records for five months' service in New York in 1776. In October, 1775, he enlisted as a substitute for John Fisher, of New Braintree, in Capt. John Grainger's Co., Col. Learned's Regt., and was made Corporal. In March, 1780, he was detailed by Capt. Crawford to serve four months as guard at Rutland.

He came from New Braintree in October, 1770, and purchased in 1771, for £81, eighty-nine acres in Lot No. 31, near the middle of said Lot, south of Isaiah Butler and west of the Widow Furbush. In 1773 he sold thirty-two acres, the northerly part of this lot, to Nathaniel Weeks for £44, retaining what became a part of the Percival Hall farm.

March 28, 1771, he was married in New Braintree to Weltha Richmond. Children, born in Oakham: George, February 10, 1772; Hannah, March 25, 1775; Luceba, March 16, 1777; Weltha, February 28, 1779; Lucena, March 22, 1781.

George Caswell was living in Oakham in 1790.



Oakham T. R., i, 168, 255. M. S. R., iii, 195 (6) [Castle], 196 (14) [Caswel]. Oakham V. R., 16 [Castle, Castwell], 17. New Braintree V. R., 73. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 25, xcv, 448.

### Bowman Chaddock.

Born March 12, 1762, in Brookfield, son of Joseph and Sarah Chaddock.

He was mustered in, July 17, 1779, for a term of nine months in the Continental Army, in Capt. Wadsworth's Co., Col. Bradford's Regt., which served under General Benedict Arnold; age 17, stature 5 feet 6, complexion light, residence Oakham. In his application for a pension, dated August, 1832, he wrote: "In summer of 1780 sent to White Plains with detachment of 300. We were attacked by 800 infantry and 200 light horse, and two-fifths of the command were killed or taken prisoners."

September 5, 1782, he was married in New Braintree to Marcy, daughter of Ebenezer Nye, of Oakham. He was chosen Chorister at a church meeting in Oakham held December 18, 1782.

He removed to Eaton, Sherbroke Co., Province of Lower Canada, where he died August 10, 1832, a few days after the date of his application for pension.

Oakham T. R., i, 242. M. S. R., iii, 232 (6), 373 (9) [Chaddock]. Oakham V. R., 63. Brookfield V. R., 58. Oakham Church Records, i, 6. Pension Application, Aug., 1832.

### Joseph Chaddock.

Marched with a detachment from the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777.

He came to Oakham from Brookfield in 1777, and purchased on May 8 of that year the whole of Lot T, with the buildings, at the Reed Corner, on the spot where the Mullett house now stands. Here he kept an inn from 1777 to 1796. This house was destroyed by fire on the evening of December 11, 1798, and the one erected by Mr. Chaddock in its place was also burned, April 11, 1874.

Joseph Chaddock was a prominent citizen. He served the town nine times as Moderator, eleven times as Assessor, was



for six years member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety, was seven times Selectman, and represented the town in the General Court in 1790. His son, Calvin, born in Brookfield, September 4, 1765, was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1791, and became a well-known minister in the Congregational Church.

M. S. R., iii, 232 (10). Brookfield V. R., 58. Records, Wore Co. Court of Sessions 1777-1796. 179, Dec. 26, 1790 June 20, 1790. Barre Gazette, Apr. 17, 1874. Wore Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxii, 312, 313. General Catalogue of Dartmouth College (1800-11), 194.

### Thomas Chaddock.

Born November 12, 1764, in Brookfield, son of Joseph and Sarah Chaddock.

He went with the Oakham company when it responded (1) to the alarm from Rhode Island, July 23, 1777, and (2) to the alarm from Bennington, August 20, 1777.

He served as Chorister in the Sunday services of the Congregational Church in Oakham, beginning in 1782.

In 1779 he married Percia Smith of Paxton.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188. M. S. R., iii, 232 (12). Oakham V. R., 62. Brookfield V. R., 58. Oakham Church Records, i, 6.

### Caleb Church.

In his application for a pension, dated April 2, 1812, Caleb Church stated that he enlisted as a "Militia Man" in April, 1775 (probably in one of the eight months' regiments that served in the siege of Boston), and again in the spring of 1776 for a term of five months in Capt. John Wilcox's Co., Col. Holman's Regt. On May 19, 1778, he enlisted for the town of Oakham for a term of nine months in the Continental Army; age 32, stature 5 feet 10, complexion light. He arrived at Fiskill June 7, 1778, and was assigned to Capt. Blake's Co., Col. R. Putnam's Regt.

In 1777 he bought thirty acres of Alexander Bothwell, near Thomas Darling's land.

Mr. Church died at Ashfield, Mass., in 1827, at the age of eighty-two years.

Oakham T. R., i. 180. M. S. R., III. 439 (5). Pension Application, Apr. 8, 1818. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 135.

### James Conant.

Born in Bridgewater, September 2, 1755, eldest son of Timothy and Hannah (Blackman) Conant. He came with his parents to Oakham in May, 1771.

James Conant enlisted May 2, 1775, and served eight months in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., at Roxbury. In January, 1776, he reënlisted for one year, in Capt. Moses Soule's Co., Col. Whitcomb's Regt. He marched in Capt. John Crawford's company in the campaign of August 20, 1777, to reinforce General Stark at Bennington. September 1, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army for three years, and was discharged September 1, 1780. He served for the first two years mostly in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, in Capt. Lyman's Co., Col. Lee's Regt., and was in the battles of Springfield and Monmouth. In 1779 he was transferred to Col. Henry Jackson's 16th Mass. Regt., and was promoted to First Sergeant in Capt. Scott's light infantry company of this regiment, which was stationed in Rhode Island, and was engaged in the battle of Rhode Island, on August 20.

After his return from the army, he built the large two-story house on the county road from Rutland to Hardwick, which he occupied as merchant and innkeeper for many years. He was licensed innholder from 1796 to 1810. He was Captain of the Oakham company in the Massachusetts militia, Constable in 1794, Assessor in 1796, and Selectman of Oakham in 1788, 1796 and 1799.

January 7, 1779, he was married to Dorothy, daughter of Jonathan and Lydia (Foster) Bullard. Children, all born in Oakham: Luther, July 20, 1779; Deborah, June 23, 1781; Elijah, March 12, 1783; Lot, May 8, 1785; Lucy, May 7, 1786;

Betsy, March 6, 1789; Abigail, November 16, 1791; James, Jr., December 5, 1793; Lydia, August 1, 1796; Charles, December 4, 1798; John, May 8, 1801.

Capt. James Conant died September 12, 1842, aged eighty-seven. His wife, Dorothy Bullard Conant, died November 25, 1839, aged eighty-four years.

Oakham T. R., i, 99, 165, 168. M. S. R., iii, 875 (9), 889 (1) [Conent]. Oakham V. R., 17, 18 [July 20, 1778, should be 1779], 65, 115. Family Bible of James Conant in possession of Mr. Frank S. Conant of Oakham. Conant Family, 206, 259. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 140. Pension Application, Apr. 15, 1818. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1796-1810.

### Luther Conant.

Born in Bridgewater, January 7, 1758, second son of Timothy and Hannah (Blackman) Conant. He came with his parents to Oakham in May, 1771.

Luther Conant enlisted May 2, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's company for eight months' service at Roxbury; also, March 5, 1776, for a term of one year in Capt. Soul's Co., Col. Whitcomb's Regt. March 11, 1777, he joined the Continental Army for a term of three years. He was Sergeant in Capt. Reed's Co., Col. Alden's (later Col. John Brooks's) Regt. He was discharged March 11, 1780. In July, 1780, he was engaged by the town of Hardwick for six months' service in the Continental Army; age 22, stature 5 feet 7, complexion light. His discharge was dated December 5, 1780.

He lived in the West School Plot, and was Selectman of Oakham in 1797 and 1800. In 1818 he was living in Shutesbury, Franklin Co., Mass. He was married to Mary White, daughter of Thomas White, December 4, 1783, and had one child, Justus. After his wife's death, he married, May 4, 1787, Susanna, daughter of Capt. Nehemiah Allen. Children: Sullivan, born February 26, 1801; Nathan; Abiah; Louisa; Susan; Hannah, married Luther Spear; Lois, married John Conant.

His widow, Susanna Conant, died August 15, 1840, aged seventy-three years.

Oakham T. R., i, 99, 165, 171. M. S. R., iii, 878 (7), (8), (9), 889 (2) [Conent], 897 (7) [Connant]. Oakham V. R., 51, 65, 115, 116. Family Bible (see above). Conant Family, 206, 259, 260. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 140. Pension Application, Apr. 21, 1818. Note of Mrs. William Spear.

### Timothy Conant.

Born November 21, 1732, in Bridgewater, son of Lot and Deborah (Lovell) Conant, and a descendant in the fifth generation of Roger Conant, who came to New England in 1623 and was living in Salem in 1626. He removed from Bridgewater to Oakham in May, 1771.

Timothy Conant served at Roxbury as Corporal in Capt. Dexter's Co., Col. Learned's Regt., in 1775, and receipted for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears, February 15, 1776. March 11, 1777, he enlisted in Capt. Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt., for a term of three years in the Continental Army, but died in the service April 15, 1777.

In 1754 he married Hannah Blackman. Children: James, born September 3, 1755; Susanna, born August 5, 1756, died April 16, 1758; Luther, born January 7, 1758; Susanna, born August 5, 1760; Lucy, born 1762; Deborah, born August 6, 1764; Timothy, born February 20, 1770; Sylvanus, born April 23, 1773; Abigail and Sarah, born October 26, 1774; Hannah, born March 4, 1777.

Oakham T. R., i, 99, 168. M. S. R., iii, 882 (12), 907 (7) [Conot]. Conant Family, 100, 104, 173, 205, 206. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 138 [Lovell = Goodspeed], 140.

### Aaron Crawford.

Born in Rutland, probably in 1743, fourth son of Alexander and Elizabeth Crawford.

Aaron Crawford was Drummer in the company of minutemen that marched on April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. He also served as Sergeant in the Oakham company when it responded to the alarm from Rhode Island, July 23, 1777,

and was a member of Capt. Cutler's company from Western (now Warren) and Oakham which marched September 24, 1777, to join the army under General Gates.

In 1765 he bought, for £150, one hundred and fifteen acres in the northerly part of Lot No. 21 (the William Preshoe place), and also forty-six acres in Lot BB. The Preshoe farm he sold in 1778 to James Dunbar. He lived in Oakham till about 1790, when he removed to St. Albans, Canada.

He was married in 1768 to Jeales Gill, and had ten children, all born in Oakham: William, October 22, 1769; Elisabeth, January 18, 1771; Luther, April 27, 1773; Chloe, April 2, 1775; Alexander, February 28, 1777; Aaron, Jr., March 3, 1779; Jeales, December 15, 1780, died August 3, 1785; Robert, March 26, 1783; Rachel, August 6, 1785; Spencer, November 14, 1788.

Spencer Crawford was in the service of Great Britain in the War of 1812, and received wounds that made him a cripple for life. He died in Canada in 1857.

M. S. R., iv, 94 (6), (7), (8). Oakham V. R., 18, 19, 20, 65, 116. Crawford Family of Oakham, 14 [Nov. 14, 1778, should be 1788]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liv, 299, lxxxii, 476.

### Alexander Crawford.

Born in Ireland in 1710, son of Aaron and Agnes (Wilson) Crawford. His father, Aaron Crawford, was born in 1677 in the Parish of Cappy, County of Tyrone, Ireland. He came to America with his wife and four children, Samuel, John, Alexander, and Martha, in 1713, and settled in Rutland in 1719, where he died August 6, 1754. Agnes Wilson was born in Ireland in 1677, and died in Rutland, December 10, 1760. Both are buried in the old cemetery in Rutland.

Alexander Crawford, at the age of seventy, enlisted as a guard at Rutland, and served from February 27, 1780, to April 23, 1780.

He removed to Rutland West Wing (now Oakham) in 1750. He was the leading man in the new settlement; was Moderator of the precinct and town meetings seven years, Town Clerk two



years, Selectman eight years, Assessor five years, Collector in 1759, when the precinct was formed, and Treasurer in 1766. He was also an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Oakham.

February 5, 1736, he married Elizabeth Crawford, a distant relative, and had five sons, born in Rutland: John, January 7, 1739; Aaron, probably in 1743; William, October 23, 1745, and two who died young.

He died October 11, 1793, aged eighty-five years.

Oakham T. R., i, 95, 255. M. S. R., iv, 94 (12). Crawford Family of Oakham, 5, 6, 7, 11, 15.

### Alexander Crawford, 2d.

Born February 12, 1765, second son of Capt. John and Rachel (Henderson) Crawford.

He enlisted October 3, 1779, and served till November 10, 1779, in Capt. William Henry's company of guards at Castle and Governor's Island. When he enlisted, he gave his age as eighteen years, but he was less than fifteen. He was the youngest of the three generations of Crawfords that served in the war for independence.

Alexander Crawford lived at the Thresher place, and was a gunsmith by trade. When David Ames, of the firm of Ames and Fobes, merchants in Oakham, was appointed by President Washington the first superintendent of the Springfield armory, he took with him Alexander Crawford, who made the first gun-lock and shared with Richard Beebe the honor of stocking the first gun made by the United States.

He married, (1) June 26, 1788, Bethiah Willis, daughter of Jonathan Willis and granddaughter of Dr. Stoughton Willis; (2) September 6, 1813, his cousin, Mary Henderson of Oakham, granddaughter of Lieut. James Henderson of Rutland. Children, all born in Oakham: Salmon, July 23, 1789; Lucinda, March 12, 1791; Susan, March 2, 1793, grandmother of the five Macomers (John, George, Henry, William, and James) who served in the Civil War; Ruth, March 31, 1796; Vashti, August

8, 1798; Benjamin Franklin, August 10, 1800; Hosea Willis, August 25, 1802, father of the three Crawford (Henry, John G., and Charles S.) who served in the Civil War; Galen Allen, November 17, 1804, father of Alfred Galen, who served in the Civil War; Mary Packard, November 5, 1807; Emeline Maria, September 30, 1814, mother of Gardner M. Dean, who served in the Civil War; Anson Alexander, January 17, 1817; William Amory, October 7, 1820.

Oakham T. R., i, 255. M. S. R., iv, 94 (10). Oakham V. R., 18, 19, 20, 21, 65. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes [June 26 or 20]. Crawford Family (MS.) by Hon. John G. Crawford of Manchester, N. H. Crawford Family of Oakham, 11, 12. *Wright*, The Fobes Memorial Library, 30 n.21.

### John Crawford.

Born January 7, 1739, in Rutland, second son of Alexander and Elizabeth Crawford. He came to Oakham with his father in 1750.

John Crawford was Captain of the Oakham company of minutemen which marched from Oakham April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. At the organization of the 4th Worcester County Regiment at Brookfield, May 14, 1776, he was chosen Captain of the 8th (Oakham) Company, and received his commission May 31, 1776. As Captain of the Oakham company, he had general charge of the military affairs of the town, and enlisted or selected by lot the men to go on the several campaigns. He marched at the head of detachments of his company on July 23, 1777, when he was ordered to Providence on an alarm; and on August 20, 1777, when ordered to reinforce General Stark at Bennington. From September 7, 1777, till the end of November, he was in command of a company of forty men raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree to reinforce the army of General Gates, and had an active part in the engagements that resulted in the capture of General Burgoyne. October 15, 1779, Capt. Crawford and Lieuts. Bothwell and French, who had been in office more than three years and had each been engaged in several campaigns, asked



the town to be relieved from further service. This request the town at first granted, but at a meeting held October 25, they were persuaded to continue in office, and they all served till the close of the war.

Capt. Crawford was a farmer, and spent all his active life on the farm owned by the late Deacon Horace W. Lincoln. He purchased this farm from his father, Alexander Crawford, in 1759, for £100. It was the southerly part of Lot No. 21 and contained two hundred and four acres. Capt. Crawford was Warden of the district of Oakham in 1767, Selectman of the town in 1775 and 1781, and a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1777.

He was three times married:

(1) February 9, 1759, to Rachel Henderson, daughter of Lieut. James Henderson, who held a commission in the colonial militia and had served in the French and Indian wars. Rachel Henderson was born July 1, 1739; died April 24, 1773.

(2) In 1773, to Phebe Green, born March 28, 1744, daughter of John and Dorothy Green of Brookfield.

(3) To Mary (Ford) Perkins, widow of Zephaniah Perkins, who was killed in battle, September 15, 1777. She died April 2, 1829, aged eighty-four years.

Children, all born in Oakham: Elizabeth, March 14, 1760; John, Jr., May 2, 1762; Alexander, 2d, February 12, 1765; Sarah, July 14, 1767; Samuel, August 9, 1768; Calvin, October 18, 1770; Rachel, April 2, 1773; Josiah, April 25, 1774; Polly and Patty, December 31, 1778; Lucy, December 30, 1780; Hannah, August 16, 1782, grandmother of Henry P. Wright who served in the Civil War; Eliakim, August 16, 1784; Nancy, March 10, 1786.

Capt. John Crawford died October 16, 1824, in the eighty-sixth year of his age.

Eleven of his descendants who were born or brought up in Oakham served in the Civil War: Henry W. Crawford, John G. Crawford, Charles S. Crawford, Alfred G. Crawford, John Macomber, George B. Macomber, Henry I. Macomber, William Macomber, James Macomber, Gardner M. Dean, Henry P. Wright.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 228, 229. M. S. R., iv, 95 (12). Oakham V. R., 18, 19, 20 [Samuel, July 16, 1767, should be Sarah], 116. Brookfield V. R., 108. Rutland V. R., 127. Crawford Family of Oakham, 7, 11, 12 [Aug. 9, 1768, should be 1769], 13. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xl, 554. Crawford Family (MS.) (see above). See Daniel Henderson, p. 98; Zephaniah Perkins, p. 132. John Crawford, A Record of the Childrens Ages (MS.).

## John Crawford, Jr.

Born May 2, 1762, eldest son of Capt. John and Rachel (Henderson) Crawford.

He enlisted March 30, 1778, when under sixteen years of age, in Capt. Thomas Whipple's company for guarding General Burgoyne's troops at Rutland, and served till July 2. He was one of the men detached from General Warner's brigade, November 3, 1778, to guard troops of the Saratoga Convention from Rutland to Enfield, Conn. October 3, 1779, he enlisted in Capt. William Henry's company, raised in Worcester County, for service at Castle and Governor's Island, from which he was discharged November 10, 1779. From December 6, 1779, till April 22, 1780, he served in Capt. Ephraim Hartwell's company of guards at Rutland. July 7, 1780, he enlisted for a term of three months at West Point; age 18, stature 5 feet 10, complexion light.

John Crawford, Jr., was a school-teacher. Before 1790 he went to New York State, where he continued in his profession till his death in 1797.

Oakham T. R., i, 214, 252, 255. M. S. R., iv, 96 (2), (7), (9), 131 (10), (11) [Crofford]. Crawford Family of Oakham, 11.

## William Crawford.

Born in Rutland, October 23, 1745, fifth son of Alexander and Elizabeth Crawford.

William Crawford marched as Sergeant of the Oakham company when it responded to the alarm of July 23, 1777, from Rhode Island, and also as Sergeant on the alarm of August 20,

1777, from Bennington. He has also credit on the town records for a campaign to Boston, beginning April 1, 1778.

He was a clockmaker by trade. A large number of clocks of his manufacture are still preserved in different parts of New England, and the most of these will be good time keepers a hundred years hence. He was Town Clerk of Oakham for twenty-one years, and Selectman fourteen years. He was the father of General William Crawford of the Massachusetts militia, who served as Captain in the War of 1812, and of Alexander Crawford, Chairman of the Selectmen of Oakham during the period of the Civil War.

In 1773 he married Mary Henderson, second daughter of Lieut. James Henderson and sister of the first wife of Capt. John Crawford. Children, all born in Oakham: Elizabeth, February 10, 1774; James, August 11, 1775; Lucy, February 7, 1778; William, February 25, 1780, died March 30, 1781; Sarah, January 30, 1782, died February 1, 1798; William, Jr., October 5, 1783; Rufus, November 13, 1785; Molly, October 6, 1787; Isabel, February 24, 1790; Alexander, April 16, 1792; Harriot, March 10, 1795, died March 19, 1795.

William Crawford died June 30, 1833, aged eighty-seven years.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 189. M. S. R., iv, 97 (12). Oakham V. R., 19, 20, 21, 116, 117. Crawford Family of Oakham, 15.

### Jonathan Cunningham.

Has credit on the town records for three months' service in New York in 1776.

In 1773 he was living in Lot No. 24. In 1785 he purchased, for £335 14s. 5d., eighty-nine acres with the buildings thereon in the same lot, late the property of John Murray, conspirator. This he sold the following year to Jonathan Willis, of Bridgewater, who sold the same in 1795 to Nathaniel Willis, of Bridgewater.

Mr. Cunningham was married September 3, 1771, to Bethiah Thresher, of New Braintree.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Oakham V. R., 66. New Braintree V. R., 77 [Sept. 3, 1771=Sept. 13]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxx, 617, xcix, 580, c, 376, cxxiii, 560.

### Thomas Darling.

Began his service of nine months in the Continental Army on his arrival at Fishkill, June 7, 1778; age 46, stature 5 feet 8, complexion light, residence Oakham. He may have come from Mendon.

In 1777 he was living near Caleb Church. In 1778 he bought for £61 4s., fifty acres in Lot Y, west of the county road from Rutland to Brookfield, and south of Daniel Bolton's land. His estate was settled in 1788, and Zenas Darling was administrator. He had fifty-one acres of land with a small dwelling house, valued at £90.

Oakham T. R., i, 180. M. S. R., iv, 442 (5), v, 83 (3) [Durbing]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Sept., 1788. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxiv, 29.

### Samuel Davis.

Born in Rutland, January 15, 1751, son of Simon and Hannah (Snow) Davis, and grandson of Lieut. Simon Davis, who with his wife, Dorothy (Heath), came from Concord to Rutland about 1720. Samuel Davis was uncle to John Davis, who was four times elected Governor of Massachusetts, and three times elected United States Senator.

He has credit on the town records for three months' service in New York in 1776.

Samuel Davis removed to Oakham from Paxton about 1773. He was one of the signers of the petition for a church in Congregational form, and was chosen Deacon in 1793 to succeed Deacon Fitts, who died December 9, 1792. He was chosen Selectman of Oakham in 1783, and was on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1778.

His first wife's name was Katherine. Children: Ezra, born in Paxton, September 5, 1773; Lucretia, born April 2, 1778; Barak, born June 13, 1780; Nancy, born June 24, 1782; Adin, born March 25, 1784; Caty, born February 25, 1786; Polly,

born August 11, 1788. His wife Katherine died December 1, 1794, and he was again married in the early part of 1796 to Mary, daughter of Joseph Osborn, who died May 19, 1834, aged eighty years.

Deacon Davis died July 12, 1817, at the age of sixty-six.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Oakham V. R., 21, 67, 117, 119 [Fitts]. Rutland V. R., 34. Oakham Church Records, i, 3. *Reed*, Hist. of Rutland, 132, 133 [Jan. 15, 1751 = June, 1751], 134.

### Daniel Deland.

Born May 10, 1736, son of Paul Deland, who removed from Newbury to Brookfield between 1725 and 1740.

Daniel Deland was one of the minutemen who marched with Capt. Crawford on the alarm of April 19, 1775. On May 22, 1775, he reënlisted in Capt. Hazeltine's company for a term of eight months at Roxbury and was enrolled as Fifer. In 1776 he served at Ticonderoga in Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt. He enlisted in March, 1777, for a term of three years in the Continental Army, and was in Capt. Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt. Reported invalided March 7, 1778, and transferred to Lieut. Osgood Carleton's company of invalids stationed at Boston. Beginning January 10, 1781, he served one year as guard at Rutland.

He was twice married: (1) in 1757 to Elisabeth Hatfield; (2) in 1780 to Elizabeth Anderson of Rutland.

Oakham T. R., i, 165, 199, 243. M. S. R., iv, 594 (9) [Dealing], 640 (7), (8), (9). Brookfield V. R., 74, 300, 301. *Temple*, Hist. of No. Brookfield, 567.

### Daniel Deland, Jr.

Son of the above, was hired by Capt. John Crawford for the term of eight months at Roxbury, beginning May 22, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's company, and was enrolled as Fifer under the name of Daniel Crawford Deland.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., iv, 594 (10) [Dealing], 640 (10).

### Moses Doty.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham at Brookfield, September 15, 1777, for three years in the Continental Army; residence, Oakham. He was in Capt. Daniel Shay's Co., Col. Rufus Putnam's Regt., and was Fife Major. He was also claimed by the town of Hardwick, and it is uncertain to which town he was credited.

M. S. R., iv, 894 (6).

### Benjamin Dunbar.

Born in 1749 in Bridgewater, son of James and Hannah (Benson) Dunbar.

He was engaged by Capt. Crawford for the town of Oakham, June 28, 1779, for a term of six months in Rhode Island, in Capt. Thomas Fisher's Co., Col. Nathan Tyler's Regt.; discharged December 17, 1779.

Benjamin Dunbar purchased on May 8, 1778, from James Dunbar, fifty-seven acres in Lot No. 21. In 1773, he was married to Wealthy Washburn, of Middleboro.

Oakham T. R., i, 215. M. S. R., v, 25 (4). *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 148. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxii, 474.

### Benson Dunbar.

Born in Bridgewater in 1757. He was son of James Dunbar, who was born in 1721, and married, January 22, 1745, Hannah, daughter of John Benson. After her death he was again married in 1757 to Martha Packard. Mr. James Dunbar died in 1778.

Benson Dunbar was Drummer in the New Braintree company which served for a term of eight months at Roxbury, with Capt. John Grainger, beginning May 1, 1775. He failed to return a gun received by him at this time, which belonged to the town of New Braintree, and his wages were withheld till July 1, when Capt. Grainger gave him a certificate that the gun had been returned. He was one of the eleven men in the Oakham company detailed by



Capt. Crawford in 1778 for fifteen days' service in the regiment which guarded Burgoyne's captured troops on the march from Rutland to Enfield, Conn.

Benson Dunbar purchased of James Dunbar, May 29, 1779, a house and sixty acres of land in Lot No. 21. He married Rebecka Darling in 1781. Children, born in Oakham: Ruth, July 27, 1782; Marcy, October 9, 1785; Benson, Jr., November 26, 1787; Benjamin, March 1, 1790; Orpah, October 26, 1793; Roxie, February 14, 1799.

Oakham T. R., i, 214. M. S. R., iv, 864 (15) [Donbor], v, 25 (6), 33 (11) [Dunber]. Oakham V. R., 23, 69. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 147, 148 [1746 should be Jan. 22, 1745]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 475. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 119. Plymouth Co. Marriages, 48.

### James Dunbar.

Marched in Capt. Crawford's company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777. He also enlisted June 28, 1779, for six months in Rhode Island, and joined Capt. Fisher's Co., Col. Tyler's Regt.; discharged December 17, 1779.

Though his name is not on that part of the family record which is preserved, James Dunbar was without doubt brother of Benson and Benjamin Dunbar.

On April 21, 1778, he purchased of Aaron Crawford one hundred and fifteen acres in the northerly part of Lot No. 21, the William Preshoe farm. This farm he sold soon after to Benjamin and Benson Dunbar, and the three Dunbars lived together in the house on this farm.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 215. M. S. R., v, 29 (1). Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 474, 475, 476.

### George Dunn.

Enlisted May 10, 1775, for the term of eight months in Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Jonathan Ward's Regt.

He was a cordwainer. In 1761 he bought, for £48 6s., of Alexander Bothwell, eighty acres, ninety rods, "the gore of land



that joynes southerly on Spencer line, bounded by the County Road and Five Mile River," the farm now owned and occupied by Herbert Dwelly.

January 31, 1754, he was married to Rachel Harper, daughter of William Harper. Children, born in Oakham: William Harper; Alexander, September 19, 1761; Rachel, March 14, 1763.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., v, 23 (1) [Dun]. Oakham V. R., 23. Rutland V. R., 133 [Dun]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Oct. 31, 1774 [William Harper]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liv, 203.

### William Harper Dunn.

Son of George and Rachel (Harper) Dunn, and named for his grandfather, William Harper, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham.

William Harper Dunn was a Private in the company of minutemen who marched from Oakham, April 19, 1775, on the Lexington alarm. He reënlisted while still in service, on April 27, 1775, for eight months at Roxbury in Capt. Hazeltine's company. In 1777 he enlisted for a term of three years in the Continental Army, and joined Capt. Goodale's Co., Col. Putnam's Regt.

William Harper dictated in his will, dated September 7, 1774: "A three year old colt, and my saddle, I give and bequeath to my grandson William Dunn, also my gun."

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 171. M. S. R., v, 60 (7) [William Dunn], 61 (3). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Oct. 31, 1774 [William Harper].

### Joseph Dwelly.

Engaged March 3, 1781, for a term of three years in the Continental Army for the town of Worcester; occupation farmer, age 17, stature 5 feet 8, complexion light. He was in the company of Capt. Mason Wattles in the 6th Mass. Regt., then commanded by Col. Calvin Smith.

In 1818 he was living in West Boylston, Mass., from which place he removed to Oakham and purchased, May 27, 1822, of

John Glazier, the house in the southerly part of Oakham in which William Parmenter was then living, and with it fifty-eight acres of land. September 5, 1831, he bought of David F. Tenney, for \$200, a piece of land containing fifty rods, with the buildings thereon, where he lived for the remainder of his life. This was the first residence south of the East Hill schoolhouse.

Joseph Dwelly was probably son of Joseph and Mary Dwelly. He was married in West Boylston May 25, 1815, to Triphosa Parmenter of Oakham. Children: Mary, born August 17, 1816; William, born December 8, 1818; Thomas Miles, born July 12, 1822; Joseph Benjamin, born December 21, 1833.

Mr. Dwelly was a Revolutionary pensioner. He died in Oakham, April 27, 1839, aged seventy-five years.

M. S. R., v, 105 (9) [Dwelle]. Oakham V. R., 23, 69, 118. West Boylston V. R., 129. Pension Application, Apr. 11, 1818. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, ccxxxi, 230, cclxxxviii, 68.

### Joseph Eager.

Marched with Capt. Crawford in response to the Lexington alarm on April 19, 1775. While still in service as a minuteman, he reënlisted April 27, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., and was made Corporal. On October 7, 1775, he was reported sick at Marlboro. He was entitled to a bounty coat or its equivalent in money, as by order dated Dorchester, November 27, 1775.

In 1776 Joseph Eager sold forty acres, being the southeasterly part of Lot No. 16, to Robert Forbes. This land was west of land owned by James Bell, Jr., and south of Edward Partridge, 2d's land.

His wife's name was Hannah. They had a daughter named Sarah Wood, born in Oakham, February 3, 1772. A Joseph Eager was living in Boylston in 1790.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., v, 136 (7). Oakham V. R., 24 [Eger]. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 214. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 526.

### Nathan Edson.

Came from Bridgewater. He was the eldest son of Ebenezer and Lucy (Packard) Edson, and was born in Bridgewater in 1753.

He was one of Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen that marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. In the summer of 1776 he enlisted for two months' service with Lieut. Asa French, at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. He also served in the Oakham company on the Providence alarm of July 23, 1777, and in the company raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree for the Stillwater campaign of the same year.

In 1778 he married Susanna, daughter of Ephraim Allen, and went to Rehoboth.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188. M. S. R., v, 230 (1). *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 155. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### Spencer Field.

Born in Northfield, Mass., September 26, 1754, son of Deacon Paul and Christian (Hubbard) Field, and descendant in the fifth generation of Zechariah Field who arrived in Boston in 1629, and settled in Dorchester.

On January 23, 1776, Spencer Field was chosen, by the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the Council, Surgeon's Mate in Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt. This was one of the six Worcester County regiments raised to serve before Boston till April 1, 1776.

Spencer Field studied medicine and practiced in Rutland and Oakham. He came to Oakham not later than 1778, and lived in a house on a private road leading from the Old Turnpike, a few rods east of the North Four Corners. This house was standing and in good repair in 1900. He was a celebrated physician, highly esteemed in this and neighboring towns. He was Town Clerk in 1778 and 1800, Moderator in 1786, served the town three times as Assessor and four times as Selectman, and was chosen Representative to the General Court in 1801.

September 28, 1776, he was married to Betsey, daughter of Dr. John Frink of Rutland. Children: John, born November 3,

1777; Betsey, baptized February 6, 1780; Isabella, baptized December 9, 1781.

John studied medicine with his father, married Rhoda Bowman of New Braintree, August 11, 1799, and removed to New Braintree some time after 1800, when he was Collector of Taxes in Oakham. He was drowned November 27, 1815, in Cedar Swamp [Demond's] Pond, Rutland.

Betsey married Rev. Daniel Beard, October 5, 1798. Among her descendants may be mentioned Rev. Augustus Field Beard, Corresponding Secretary of the American Missionary Association, and Member of the Corporation of Yale University; Dr. George Miller Beard, specialist in nervous diseases in New York City; and Rev. William Spencer Beard of Bridgeport, Conn.

Dr. Spencer Field died November 11, 1801, from injuries received in the early evening of October 5, on the road near where the house of the Misses Eunice and Louisa Ayres now stands. The road here ran then, for some distance, through a dense forest. While he was riding on horseback to visit a patient in the southwest part of the town, two men, returning from a muster in New Braintree and riding at great speed, ran against him and threw him from his horse upon a rock by the roadside. A monument was erected on the spot where the accident occurred, on which were these verses, written by Nathaniel Bolton:

STOP PASSENGERS  
BEHOLD THIS FATAL ROCK.  
HERE FROM THE WOUND  
THE CRIMSON BLOOD DID FLOW  
HERE DR. FIELD REC'D HIS FATAL SHOCK  
THAT HASTENED DEATH  
AND PROVED HIS OVERTHROW.

A poem on the Death of Dr. Field, written by Nathaniel Bolton, is preserved in the Fobes Memorial Library.

M. S. R., v, 655 (5). Oakham V. R., 25, 71, 119. Rutland V. R., 225 [Nov. 27, 1815=Aug. 28]. New Braintree V. R., 81 [Aug. 11, 1799= (Aug.) 22]. Field Genealogy, i, 56, 97, 116, 141, 225-226, 313-318, 466-467. Note of Dea. Jesse Allen. *Sp'y*, Dec. 16, 1801. Nathaniel Bolton's Poem.

### The Forbes Family.

Arthur Forbes came from Rutland and purchased in 1757, for £110 13s. 4d., two hundred and fifty acres, the whole of Lot No. 28. This was the lot in which the Perley Ayres farm was situated. The Forbes house was on the south side of the lot, at the corner where the Perley Ayres road joins the Bell road; the cellar hole is still to be seen. The name is spelled on the town records and on the muster rolls Forbes, Forbs, Forbus, Forbush, Furbush.

He was Treasurer of Oakham in 1762 and 1764, Collector in 1760, and Warden in 1765.

June 30, 1749, he was married to Ruth Lamond of Leicester. The following are names of eight children of Arthur Forbes, with the probable years of birth: John, 1750; Robert, 1751; Charles, 1753; Martha, 1754; Archibald, 1757; Margaret, 1758; Arthur, Jr., 1759; James, 1762.

Arthur Forbes died before 1773, when his wife was called the Widow Forbush. In 1773 guardians were appointed for his younger children.

Leicester V. R., 152 [Forbus]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxxix, 483, xcv, 448.

### Archibald Forbes.

Born in Oakham in 1757, fourth son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

He enlisted in Capt. Dexter's company, which was raised in Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham and which went into camp at Roxbury May 19, 1775. He also served two months at Roxbury in the early part of 1776, and receipted February 16 for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears. September 1, 1777, he enlisted in Capt. Earll's company for service at Providence, from which he was discharged January 4, 1778. Soon after his return from Rhode Island he was detailed, for a term of six months, as guard at Rutland. He enlisted also in the Continental Army in 1780 for a term of six months; age 24, stature 5 feet 10,

complexion dark. He marched from Oakham July 6, 1780, and was discharged November 16, 1780.

In 1781 he married Sarah Moore. Children, born in Oakham: Archibald, Jr., May 7, 1782; William, February 29, 1784.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188, 214, 231. M. S. R., v, 845 (11), 849 (12) [Forbs], vi, 203 (12) [Furbush]. Oakham V. R., 26, 72. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.].

### Arthur Forbes, Jr.

Born in Oakham in 1759, fifth son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

He was enrolled in Capt. Crawford's Co., May 26, 1778; age 19, complexion dark, residence Oakham.

M. S. R., vi, 203 (13) [Arthur Furbush], = 205 (2) [James Furbush]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.].

### Charles Forbes.

Born in Rutland in 1753, third son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

He enlisted July 2, 1777, aged twenty-four years, for six months' service in Providence and joined Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., from which he was discharged, January 4, 1778. Charles, James, and John Forbes probably did not join Capt. Earll's Co. till late in July, as they marched on July 23, 1777, on the Rhode Island alarm.

In 1773, when he was twenty years of age, Charles Forbes had James Bell for his guardian.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., v, 846 (2), (4). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.].

### James Forbes.

Born in Oakham in 1762, sixth son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

In the summer of 1776, he enlisted for two months, at the age of fourteen, with Lieut. Asa French, at Dobbs Ferry, Tarry-



town and North Castle, and again May 5, 1777, for two months in Rhode Island, in Capt. Hodges's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt. July 2, 1777, he reenlisted for six months in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., and was discharged January 4, 1778. August 27, 1781, he enlisted for three months in the Continental Army, in Capt. Cutler's Co., Col. Luke Drury's Regt., at West Point; descriptive list; age 19, stature 5 feet 6, complexion dark. He was discharged December 3, 1781. James Forbes also marched on the Rhode Island alarm in 1777.

In 1773, after the death of his father, Ruth Forbes was appointed guardian of her son James, then eleven years of age.

James Forbes was married in New Braintree to Eleanor Brown of Oakham, September 12, 1782. Children, born in Oakham: Benjamin, February 15, 1783, married (1) Keziah Green of Barre in 1804, (2) Widow Huldah Prouty, January 31, 1821; Polly, February 11, 1785; Jonas, January 23, 1787; James, Jr., January 18, 1789, died October 16, 1846, aged fifty-eight; Lammond, September 1, 1790; Hannah, October 6, 1792; Jacob, April 4, 1794; Susey, February 26, 1796.

October 3, 1797, Eleanor Forbes was administratrix of the estate of James Forbes, late of Oakham, deceased. She had \$12.09, so small a sum that the Judge of Probate said: "It would answer no valuable purpose if divided among the numerous creditors," and it was given to the widow to provide necessaries to support life. Mrs. Forbes died in Oakham in May, 1830.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 280. M. S. R., v, 847 (1), (2), 850 (8), (9), (10) [Forbs]. Oakham V. R., 26, 72, 119. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.], Oct. 3, 1797 [James Forbes]. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

## John Forbes.

Born in Rutland in 1750, eldest son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

He marched with Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen, April 19, 1775, and with Lieut. Asa French in the summer of 1776 for service of two months at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. July 9, 1777, he enlisted in Capt. Earll's Co., Col.



Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged December 31, 1777. He was also detailed by Capt. Crawford to serve in Capt. Houghton's company from November 3 to November 19, 1778, to reinforce guards at the barracks in Rutland, and to escort General Burgoyne's captured troops from Rutland to Enfield, Conn. In July, 1780, he was sent, for a term of four months, as guard at Rutland. He was Sergeant in Capt. Earll's Co. in 1777. Before joining this company he went, on July 23, as Corporal on the Rhode Island alarm.

November 22, 1774, he was married in Brookfield to Catherine Harper, who was born August 20, 1754, daughter of George and Katharen Harper.

John Forbes died in Oakham, January 3, 1836, aged eighty-six years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188. M. S. R., v, 847 (10), (11), 851 (4) [Forbs], vi, 205 (11) [Furbush]. Oakham V. R., 30, 72 [Forbush], 119. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.]. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### Jonathan Forbes.

Served as guard at Rutland for a term of eight months beginning April 20, 1780.

He was married in Oakham to Jane Dunn, October 1, 1789. He was living in Oakham in 1801.

Oakham T. R., i, 255, ii, 431. M. S. R., v, 853 (5) [Forbush]. Oakham V. R., 72. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230.

### Robert Forbes.

Born in Rutland in 1751, second son of Arthur and Ruth (Lamond) Forbes.

He was a Private in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers, raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham, which marched September 24, 1777, to join the army under General Gates. He has credit also on the town records for a term of two months in Rhode Island in 1777.

In 1776 he bought, for £15, forty acres of land in Oakham, in the southerly part of Lot No. 16.

March 2, 1775, he married Agnes, daughter of James and Martha (Crawford) Bell, and had three children, Arthur, Aaron, and Christian.

He died in Oakham, March 4, 1793, aged forty-two years. His will was filed in 1799. Some years after his death, his widow and children removed to the state of New York.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 189. M. S. R., v, 848 (6). Oakham V. R., 72, 119. Crawford Family of Oakham, 9. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, May 10, 1773 [Arthur Forbes, Sr.], 1799 [Robert Forbes]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 526.

### Benjamin Foster.

Served as Private, August 3, 1776, to February 17, 1777, in Capt. Nathan Hamilton's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt., at Ticonderoga Mills, and as Corporal in Capt. Crawford's company on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms. From September 7 to November 29, 1777, he was Corporal in Capt. Crawford's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt., in the army that conquered General Burgoyne.

June 15, 1774, he bought of John Waldo of Boston, for £110, a farm containing ninety-two acres in Lot T, which included the farm owned by the late Elbridge Mullett.

Benjamin Foster was probably a brother of Ebenezer and Skelton Foster. He was married in Rutland April 8, 1779, to Mrs. Deborah Fitts of Oakham.

Oakham T. R., i, 171, 188. M. S. R., v, 890 (4). Mass. Archives—Various Service, xviii, 25. Oakham V. R., 72. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvii, 155.

### Ebenezer Foster.

Born in 1733, in Salem, probably in the Middle Precinct, now South Danvers. He was son of Ebenezer and Lydia (Felton) Foster, and great-grandson of John Foster of Salem.

When the 4th Worcester County Regiment met for choice of officers at Brookfield, May 14, 1776, Lieut. Ebenezer Foster was recommended for Adjutant of the regiment. By official record of a ballot by the House of Representatives, June 5, 1776, he

was chosen Adjutant. This action was concurred in by the Council the same day. His commission was dated June 4, 1776. The whole regiment was not at any time ordered into active service, but detachments from it were sent on the different campaigns, and the services of the field officers were indispensable in filling the quotas required of the several towns from which this regiment was made up.

He came with his father to Rutland in 1744; served as a soldier under Col. John Murray in the expedition to Crown Point in 1755; removed from Rutland to Oakham, and on March 26, 1756, purchased of Sheers Berry, for £85, one hundred acres, being the southern part of Lot No. 8. He was Moderator of the Precinct meetings in 1759 and 1761, and Moderator of the town meetings in 1780, 1781 and 1785, Clerk of the Precinct in 1759, and Selectman of the town for fifteen years. He kept the Foster tavern from 1761 or earlier to 1809. This was situated on the county road from Rutland to Hadley, later the Sixth Massachusetts Turnpike, at the place long occupied by David Nye and his son, William A. Nye.

Ebenezer Foster was married, December 1, 1757, to Hannah Parlin of Concord, who died February 22, 1808. Children, born in Oakham: Hannah, August 28, 1759, died March 9, 1761; Lydia, February 3, 1760; Joseph, March 25, 1762; Alpheus, May 23, 1764; Zadock, February 1, 1767; Ebenezer, August 12, 1769; William, March 8, 1774; Benjamin, August 14, 1776; Molly, January 4, 1779; Spencer, May 26, 1781.

William removed to New Braintree and later to New York State. His son Charles, who removed to Ohio, was father of Charles Foster, born near Tiffin, Ohio, April 12, 1828, Member of Congress from Ohio from 1870 to 1876, and Governor of Ohio from 1880 to 1884.

Ebenezer Foster died in New Braintree, March 19, 1811, aged seventy-nine years.

M. S. R., v, 895 (10). Oakham V. R., 26, 27, 119, 120. New Braintree V. R., 23, 83. *Morris*, Ancestry of Lydia Foster, 5, 7, 8, 9 [Feb. 28, 1808, should be Feb. 22. March 9, 1760, should be 1761]. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1761-1809. *Who's Who in America* (1901-02), 393 [1888 should be 1828]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxxix, 73.

### Skelton Foster.

Born in Salem, son of Ebenezer Foster, who married, December 11, 1731, Lydia, daughter of Skelton and Hepsibah (Sheldon) Felton, and brother of Ebenezer Foster, the innholder of Oakham.

He marched with the Oakham company on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.

In 1774 he owned land east of the Tomlinson farm. In 1777 he purchased of Daniel Henderson of Oakham one hundred and eight acres. He married Hannah Hinds of Rutland in 1766.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., v, 931 (4). *Morris*, Ancestry of Lydia Foster, 7, 8. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xcii, 510, ci, 59.

### Stephen Foster.

Enlisted from Oakham, May 2, 1775, as a Private in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for a term of eight months.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., v, 931 (8).

### Asa French.

Born in Berkley, Mass., October 28, 1740, son of John French who died in Oakham, August 5, 1794, aged ninety-five years, and brother of John French, 2d, who married Hayden Shaw of Middleboro July 24, 1764, and came to Oakham after 1790. He served in the French and Indian War at Fort Henry in 1757 as a Private in Capt. Benjamin Pratt's Co., which was raised in Middleboro.

He was elected Second Lieutenant when the 4th Worcester County Regiment was organized at Brookfield, May 14, 1776; commission dated May 31, 1776. He was sent with ten men from the Oakham company in 1776, and served with them in Col. James Converse's regiment for two months at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle, N. Y. On account of the illness of Capt. How and Lieut. Packard, the command of the company devolved upon Lieut. French. In September, 1777, he served as Sergeant under Lieut. Alexander Bothwell, in Capt. Cutler's Co. at the Northward.

Asa French came to Oakham from Middleboro. September 6, 1768, he purchased of Jonathan Bullard, for £60, one hundred and forty-three acres in the northerly part of Lot No. 19, on

which he lived till his death; this was the Charles Clark place. Mr. French taught in the schools of Oakham, and was Selectman of the town five years.

He was married (1) October 24, 1765, to Anne Smith of Middleboro, who died April 6, 1802; (2) in 1803, to Widow Thankful (Bangs) Thrasher of New Braintree, who died February 18, 1806; (3) in 1806, to Abigail Stone of Oakham, who died July 4, 1825, aged seventy-three years. Children: Samuel, born October 3, 1766, removed to Craftsbury, Vt., in 1795; Susannah, born February 22, 1769, married Samuel Brewer of Spencer; John, 3d, born December 16, 1771; Bathsheba, born February 17, 1774, married (1) Philo Sanford of Medway in 1835, (2) Daniel Moulton of Spencer; Asa, Jr., born March 17, 1777.

John French, 3d, son of Asa, married his cousin Betsy French, April 25, 1804. Children, born in Oakham: Ann, April 22, 1806; Erastus S., January 7, 1808; Mary, May 4, 1810; Anson H., August 6, 1813. He removed to North Brookfield in 1833.

Asa French, Jr., married Hannah Brimhall in 1801, and had four children, born at Oakham: Freman, June 5, 1805; Eliza, May 1, 1807; Cyrus, October 15, 1809, died August 12, 1844, at Brookfield; and one child, September 1, 1812, who died young.

Lieut. Asa French died in Oakham December 3, 1832, aged ninety-two years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 189, 228, 229. M. S. R., vi, 26 (5) [Freanch], 60 (13) [—— French], 63 (2). Oakham V. R., 27, 73, 120. Spencer V. R., 157. Brookfield V. R., 485. Middleboro Town Clerk's Records. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 511. *Weston*, Hist. of Middleboro, 92, 93, 98. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 87. John Robinson's Notes. Gravestone Record in Pine Grove Cemetery. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. *Temple*, Hist. of No. Brookfield, 593. *Spy*, Sept. 10, 1794. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 173 [John French]. French Family Records in possession of Miss Mary A. French of North Brookfield, Mass. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776. Affidavit of John Forbes. See John Crawford, p. 70.

### Jabez Fuller.

Enlisted for the term of three years in the Continental Army on or before March 14, 1777, and joined Capt. Holden's Co.,

Col. Nixon's Regt. He died October 16, 1777, probably as the result of wounds received in the battle of Saratoga.

He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a Congregational church in Oakham.

Jabez, Thomas, and Elisabeth, children of Jabez and Ruth Fuller, were baptized in Oakham, August 8, 1773.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., vi, 163 (8). Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Rev. J. Dana's Notes.

### Elijah Gilbert.

Marched in the Oakham Co. as a Private with Capt. John Crawford, August 20, 1777, on the Bennington alarm.

M. S. R., vi, 405 (7) [Gilbart].

### Moses Gilbert.

Served two months at Roxbury for the town of Oakham, and receipted, February 15, 1776, for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears.

In 1773, he bought of Alexander Wilson, for £34, thirty-three acres and one hundred rods in Lot No. 18.

Moses Gilbert was son of David Gilbert of New Braintree, and was by occupation a housewright. September 4, 1774, he and his wife owned the baptismal covenant and their son James was baptized. A daughter Molly was baptized August 13, 1775.

June 22, 1786, when a citizen of Putney, Vt., he was married for a second time in Rutland to Anna Hayden, sister of Joel Hayden, formerly of Oakham but then living in Rutland.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., vi, 416 (1). Oakham V. R., 74 [June 22, 1786]=Rutland V. R., 143 [Jan. 22, 1786]. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lvii, 258, lxxviii, 212. See Joel Hayden, p. 97.

### Thomas Gill.

Born in Oakham, March 8, 1756, probably the son of Thomas Gill of Leicester, who married Janet McIntyre of Rutland in 1746, and in 1750 bought of Alexander McFarland, for £48 6s., eighty and one-half acres in Lot No. 10.



He enlisted from Oakham, July 1, 1775, in Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Jonathan Ward's Regt., for a term of eight months at Roxbury. He served eight months from June 11, 1777, for the town of Spencer in Capt. Benjamin Gates's Co., Col. R. Putnam's Regt., giving his residence as Oakham: and again, for his own town, in Capt. Joel Green's Co., Col. Ezra Wood's Regt., from June 1, 1778, to January 31, 1779, at Peekskill and White Plains. He joined Capt. Thomas Whipple's company of guards at Rutland to serve from April 20, 1780, to December 20, 1780, but on July 7, 1780, he enlisted in the Continental Army for six months; farmer, age 24, stature 5 feet 8, complexion light. He was discharged November 11, 1780, and was again engaged for the town of Oakham February 7, 1781, for service in the Continental Army, in Capt. Garfield's Co., Col. Rice's Regt., for the term of three years, receiving a town bounty of three hundred silver dollars.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 180, 231, 262. M. S. R., vi, 443 (6). Oakham V. R., 28. Rutland V. R., 144. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxx. 204.

### Joseph Gilles.

Enlisted from Oakham, May 2, 1775, as a Private in Capt. Simeon Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for the term of eight months at Roxbury.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., vi, 448 (7), 452 (7) [Gillis].

### Jonathan Glazier.

Born May 13, 1751, in Hardwick, son of Isaiah and Hannah (Thomas) Glazier.

He was a Private in Capt. John Crawford's company, raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree for service in the Stillwater campaign; enlisted for the town of Oakham, September 29, 1777, discharged November 29, 1777. He also served for the town of Hardwick in Capt. Dexter's Co., Col. Learned's Regt., and was in camp at Roxbury in January, 1776.

He married Azubah, daughter of Caleb and Hannah (Bodfish) Nye, June 23, 1774.

He lived many years in Oakham in a house near the residence of Jonas Rich, and was one of the heads of families in Oakham in 1790.

Oakham T. R., i, 189. M. S. R., vi, 481 (5) [Glaizer], 487 (8). Letter of Miss Emily K. Fobes of Worcester. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1765. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. *Paige*, Hist. of Hardwick, 383, 384. Nye Genealogy, 90 [June 23=27].

### The Green Family.

Patrick Green married, in Rutland, Nellie, daughter of Robert McMains, March 4, 1741. In 1743 he received from his father-in-law ninety-six acres in Lot. No. 32, consideration "Parental Love and Affection for Eleanor, my daughter, Wife of Patrick Green." He was one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, and lived on the south side of the county road from Rutland to Hadley, a few rods southeast of the house in which William Gaffney now lives. He was Precinct Treasurer in 1760 and 1761. William and Bartholomew Green were his sons.

Rutland V. R., 146 [Greene]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xxiii, 82.

### Bartholomew Green.

Was Private in Capt. Samuel Dexter's Co., Col. Learned's Regt., raised in Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham for six months' service in the siege of Boston. He enlisted for a term of two months at Dorchester, and receipted for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears February 15, 1776. He enlisted again in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island from July 2, 1777, to January 4, 1778.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., vi, 795 (11).

### John Green.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham for the term of three years in the Continental Army at Brookfield, September 15, 1775,

residence Oakham, and was in Capt. Goodale's Co., Col. Rufus Putnam's Regt. He reënlisted and served till January, 1781. In 1777 his residence was given as Gorham.

Lydia, daughter of John Green of Oakham, was baptized in Rutland, August 7, 1763.

M. S. R., vi, 814 (10) [Oakham also given Gorham]. Rutland V. R., 48.

### William Green.

Private in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers, raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham, which marched September 24, 1777, to join the army of General Gates at the Northward.

In 1766 he purchased, for £37 12s., ninety-four acres in the northeast part of Lot No. 32. In 1793 he sold to Jephtha Ripley, for £410, ninety-eight acres north of the county road, with all the buildings thereon. He was Selectman of Oakham in 1778 and 1779, Town Clerk in 1780, and was on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1777. He kept an inn from 1776 till 1784 and was living in Oakham in 1790.

His wife's name was Sarah. Children, born in Oakham: William, February 12, 1765; Benjamin, March 26, 1767; Sarah, March 2, 1769; Azubah, April 15, 1771; Alpha, November 12, 1773; Joseph, March 23, 1776; Patty, October 9, 1778, died September 7, 1781; Marcy, August 19, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 189. M. S. R., vi, 841 (5). Oakham V. R., 29, 121. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1777-1784. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lvi, 481, cxix, 236.

### Robert Hair.

Robert Hair enlisted, on August 1, 1777, as a Private, age 15, in Capt. Ralph Earll's Co., Col. Danforth Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island. A roll dated Camp Providence, September 1, and sworn to in Worcester County, gives him credit

for one month's service. On November 21, the following advertisement appeared in the *Massachusetts Spy*:

"Deserted from my company in Col. Danforth Keyes regiment, Robert Hair, 15 yrs of age, 5 ft high, belonging to Oakham in the County of Worcester. Whoever shall take up said deserter and confine him in some Goal in the state or return him to his regiment shall have \$5.00 reward and all necessary charges paid by me.

Ralph Earle, Capt.

Little Compton, Oct. 31, 1777."

That the young lad returned to the service, and did his best to live down his earlier reputation would seem to be established by a receipt dated at Springfield November 9, 1782, which states that Robert Hair had been accepted as a Continental Soldier for a term of three years from the town of Charlton.

M. S. R., vii, 41 (2), (3). *Spy*, Nov. 21, 1777.

### Zaccheus Hall, Jr.

Enlisted as a Private in Capt. Samuel Dexter's Co., which was raised in Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham and formed part of Col. Learned's Regt., which went into camp at Roxbury on May 19, 1775. July 10, 1777, he again enlisted, for the town of Oakham, in Capt. Earle's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., and served five months and twenty-five days in Rhode Island. Before joining this regiment, he marched on the Rhode Island alarm in the New Braintree company.

He was married in New Braintree, October 28, 1784, to Susanna Adams. His father, Zaccheus Hall, died in New Braintree, July 15, 1772.

M. S. R., vii, 119 (4), (5), (6). New Braintree V. R., 88, 141.

### John Harmon.

Has credit on the town records for three months' service in New York, in 1776.

He came from Western (Warren) and purchased in 1771 from George Black one hundred and ten acres in Lot No. 23, the

northerly part. This included part of the Clayton Adams farm south of the town road.

In 1772 he was married to Mary White of Warren. "December 3, 1775, John Harmon & wife owned ye Covt. at ye own home (having been propounded as usual) on account of ye children's sickness. Their child baptized."

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Warren V. R., 110. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvii, 148.

### Benjamin Harper.

Born August 18, 1762, son of George and Catherine Harper, and twin brother of Joseph. His father was one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, was Moderator in 1764 and in 1765, Assessor in 1760, 1762 and 1763, Collector in 1762, 1763 and 1764, and Selectman in 1762 and 1763.

Benjamin Harper was a Private in Capt. Ralph Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., having enlisted August 20, 1777, for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged January 4, 1778. August 2, 1778, he enlisted in Capt. Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., for a term of one month at Rhode Island. From March 6 to April 23, 1780, he was a member of Capt. Ephraim Hartwell's company of guards at Rutland. July 7, 1780, he enlisted in the Continental Army for six months; occupation farmer, age 18, stature 5 feet 8, complexion light. He was discharged December 16, 1780, and reëlisted again in the Continental Army March 18, 1781, for three years, receiving as a bounty three hundred silver dollars.

Oakham T. R., i, 251, 261. M. S. R., vii, 308 (8), (9), (10), (11). Oakham V. R., 30 [Aug. 18, 17—].

### George Harper.

Born August 29, 1758, fourth son of George and Catherine Harper.

George Harper was a Private in Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dike's Regt., stationed in 1776 at Dorchester Heights.

July 23, 1777, he marched with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island alarm. October 19, 1779, he enlisted in Capt. Joseph Richardson's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's Regt. The company was raised for three months' service at Claverack. He has also credit on the town records for service in Rhode Island, in Capt. Earll's Co., in 1777.

September 18, 1783, he was married to Ruth Wolcott of New Braintree.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188, 242. M. S. R., vii, 308 (13). Oakham V. R., 30, 77.

### John Harper.

Born April 28, 1744, eldest son of George and Catherine Harper.

John Harper marched on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777. Two months later he was with Capt. Crawford in the Stillwater campaign, having enlisted September 7, 1777, to serve till November 30. In 1780 he enlisted in the Continental Army for six months; age 36, stature 5 feet 11, complexion ruddy. He marched from home July 6, was stationed at West Point, and was discharged January 15, 1781. He was probably also in Capt. John Howard's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt., at Ticonderoga, in 1776.

In 1775 he owned the north half of Lot No. 11, that is, all the land in the lot north of the Tomlinson farm and including that part of the present village site north of Maple Street.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 251. M. S. R., vii, 309 (5), (7). Oakham V. R., 30. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxv, 309.

### Joseph Harper.

Born August 18, 1762, son of George and Catherine Harper, and twin brother of Benjamin.

Joseph Harper was a Private in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., in which he enlisted August 1, 1777, and served in Rhode Island till January 4, 1778. From March 30 to July 2, 1778, he



was in Capt. Thomas Whipple's company of guards at Rutland. August 2, 1778, he enlisted in Capt. Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., for a term of one month in Rhode Island. July 7, 1780, he enlisted in the Continental Army for six months; age 18, stature 5 feet 8, complexion dark. He was discharged December 16, 1780.

He married Abigail Bacon of New Braintree December 13, 1781.

Oakham T. R., i, 251. M. S. R., vii, 309 (10), (11), 310 (2), viii, 256 (9) [Horper]. Oakham V. R., 30 [Aug. 18, 17—], 77.

### Robert Harper.

Born February 12, 1748, third son of George and Catherine Harper.

Robert Harper was a Private in Capt. Washburn's Co., Col. Ward's Regt., having enlisted July 1, 1775, for a term of eight months at Cambridge and Roxbury. He marched with Capt. Crawford's company on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms in 1777, and was detailed in 1778 to join Col. Gerrish's regiment of guards which escorted the troops of the Saratoga Convention from Rutland to Enfield, Conn. In 1781 he enlisted for the term of three months in Capt. John Cutler's Co., Col. Luke Drury's Regt., marched from home August 27, 1781, and joined the regiment at West Point September 3. He was discharged November 24.

In 1766 he married Sarah McFarland, daughter of Alexander McFarland, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188, 214, 280. M. S. R., vii, 310 (5). Oakham V. R., 30. 77. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1776 [Alexander McFarland].

### Joel Hayden.

Born February 21, 1756, in Sudbury, Mass., son of Moses and Priscilla (Goodenow) Hayden.

Joel Hayden was one of the minutemen who marched from Oakham on the alarm of April 19, 1775. In 1776 he went with

Col. Samuel Brewer's regiment in the Ticonderoga campaign, and enlisted again August 12, 1777, to serve till January 2, 1778, at Providence. In 1779 he entered the Continental Army for three years, giving his residence as Oakham and engaging for the town of Northfield.

Mr. Hayden was an intimate friend of the Craiges and was residuary legatee, with Daniel Parmenter, of Joseph Craige's estate. After Joseph Craige's death in 1781, he was innholder in Oakham till the Craige property was purchased by Richard Kelley. In 1783 he removed to Rutland, where he had purchased a farm of fifty-four acres. He was living in Rutland in 1786. The only head of a family by the name of Joel Hayden living in Massachusetts in 1790 resided in Blandford.

Early in 1777, he was married to Lucy Flint, daughter of Thomas and Eunice (How) Flint, and sister of John Flint who came from Rutland to Oakham in 1779. Lucy Flint was born in Rutland, January 31, 1757. They had four children: Patty, born May 28, 1777, died July 11, 1778; Joseph, born January 16, 1779; Joel, born November 24, 1780; Charlotte, born June 12, 1782. His son Joel was born in Putney, Vt.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., vii, 13 (12) [Haden], 533 (11) [Haton], 587 (5), (7). Oakham V. R., 31, 79, 122. Rutland V. R., 42. Sudbury V. R., 63, 211. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 103. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1782. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Aug. 20, 1781 [Joseph Craige]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxi, 491 [John Flint], xcvi, 10, c, 133. See Moses Gilbert, p. 90.

## Daniel Henderson.

Born September 8, 1746, in Rutland, third son of Lieut. James and Sarah Henderson, and brother of David and Jonathan Henderson, soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and of Rachel Henderson, the first wife of Capt. John Crawford, and of Mary Henderson, the wife of William Crawford. His father, James Henderson, was married December 16, 1736, to Sarah Harper of Concord. He came to Rutland, where he bought in 1740 sixty-three acres on Walnut Hill. Mrs. Sarah Henderson died June 25, 1751, and he was again married to Elizabeth Rally July 8, 1756. His will was filed April 1, 1776. Fourteen children were mentioned in the will: James, Rachel, William, Daniel, Mary, Elizabeth,

David, Jonathan, Edward, Sarah, Josiah, Abner, Joseph, and Susanna. In 1759 he served as Second Lieutenant in Capt. Paige's Co. on the expedition to Crown Point.

Daniel Henderson was Sergeant in Capt. John Crawford's company of minutemen who marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. He also enlisted August 27, 1777, as a Private in Capt. Ralph Earll's Co., Col. Danforth Keyes's Regt., and served four months and eight days at Providence.

August 25, 1766, he was married in Spencer to Sarah McIntyre of that town, and removed to Oakham in the summer of 1768.

M. S. R., vii, 717 (6), (7). Rutland V. R., 50, 150, 151, 230. Mass. Muster Rolls, xcvi, 355, 356. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Apr. 1, 1776 [James Henderson]. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, Sept. 2, 1768. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xx, 484. Packard Family (MS.) by Mr. Charles M. Packard of Westboro.

### David Henderson.

Born in Rutland, fourth son of Lieut. James and Sarah Henderson.

He enlisted June 5, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for a term of eight months at Roxbury, and served in Capt. Nathan Hamilton's Co., Col. Samuel Brewer's Regt., at Ticonderoga, from August 3, 1776, probably till the following February. He enlisted February 23, 1778, for three years in the Continental Army, for the town of Rutland.

M. S. R., vii, 718 (2). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Apr. 1, 1776 [James Henderson].

### James Henderson, Jr.

Born September 22, 1737, in Concord, eldest son of Lieut. James and Sarah Henderson, and brother of Daniel, David and Jonathan Henderson.

James Henderson was Corporal in Capt. David Bent's Co., Col. Job Cushing's Regt.; enlisted September 5, 1777; service, two months with the Northern Army; discharged October 27, 1777; company raised to serve till the last of November.

In 1758 he bought in Oakham, for £39 5s. 8d., Lot No. 15, two hundred and fifty acres; also several acres in Lot BB. In 1765 he bought of his father-in-law, Alexander McFarland, for £4, four and one-half acres in Lot No. 10.

He was Assessor in the District of Oakham in 1765 and 1766. January 19, 1758, he married Rachel McFarland, daughter of Alexander McFarland, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham.

M. S. R., i, 234 (2) [Anderson], vii, 718 (7). Rutland V. R., 151. Concord Births, Marriages and Deaths, 157. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1766 [Alexander McFarland]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xli, 79, liv, 212. Packard Family (see above).

### Jonathan Henderson.

Born in Rutland, fifth son of Lieut. James Henderson.

Jonathan Henderson enlisted in the Continental Army at Brookfield, September 15, 1777, giving his residence as Oakham, and received £20 bounty from the town of Oakham, term of service, during the war. January 25, 1778, he was credited to the town of Rutland.

He was married to Esther Dean in 1788.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., vii, 719 (4). Oakham V. R., 79. Packard Family (see above).

### Israel Hill.

Enlisted May 15, 1777, in Capt. Reed's Co., Col. Alden's Regt., for a term of three years in the Continental Army. He was killed August 25, 1777, while on the expedition for the relief of Fort Schuyler.

The Widow Beriah Hill received from the town of Oakham his bounty of £20, April 13, 1778. Notice of her appointment as administratrix was published July 9, 1778, and on July 29 his estate was sold at auction, consisting of between five and seven acres of land lying on the county road from Rutland to Hardwick, with a dwelling house and a frame for a blacksmith shop. He had also one pair of blacksmith's bellows, a sledge, vise, tongs,

and shop tools. In April, 1777, he had forbidden all persons trusting his wife on his account, as, besides other and worse offences, she had sold many articles of her wearing apparel and "had threatened to destroy all his interest."

Oakham T. R., i, 178. M. S. R., vii, 876 (5). *Spy*, May 2, 1777, July 9, 1778. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1777.

### John Hill.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, July 2, 1777, in Capt. Ralph Earll's Co., Col. Danforth Keyes's Regt., for six months' service in Rhode Island and was appointed Corporal. He was discharged January 4, 1778.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., vii, 885 (3).

### Stephen Hill.

Probably the same as Joseph Hill. Enlisted for the town of Oakham in 1779 for the term of nine months in the Continental Army; age 20, stature 5 feet 6, complexion light. Mustered in July 7, marched July 14. He was in Capt. Redding's Co., Col. Bradford's Regt., and was discharged April 9, 1780.

M. S. R., vii, 892 (5) [Joseph Hill] = 904 (2) [Stephen Hill].

### John Hitchcock.

Was engaged by the town of Oakham for six months' service in the Continental Army in 1780, in response to the Resolve of June 5, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 251. M. S. R., vii, 816 (8) [Hichcock].

### Enos Hudson.

Born in Oakham in 1759, the son of Joseph and Hepsibah Hudson. Joseph Hudson was a clothier who came from Rutland to Oakham in 1758, and bought of Joseph Craige four acres in what is now Coldbrook.

This piece of land was north of the county road, and between the Craige tavern and the Ware River bridge. He was Selectman of Oakham in 1770, 1775, 1776 and 1777, Assessor in 1762, 1763, 1765, 1770, 1772 and 1775, Moderator in 1764, Treasurer in 1783, and member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775 and 1776. His estate was settled in 1791, when he owned two hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, appraised at £336.

Enos Hudson was the best soldier furnished by the town of Oakham in the Revolution. He enlisted March 11, 1777, at the age of eighteen, for a term of three years in the 7th Mass. Regt., for service in the Continental Army. He was in the regiment commanded by Col. Alden and afterward by Col. Brooks. He was appointed Corporal. In March, 1779, he reënlisted, to serve during the war. He was engaged in the battles that resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne in 1777, at Cherry Valley and Newtown in 1779, at Kingsbridge and in the battles around Yorktown that resulted in the surrender of Cornwallis in 1781. February 20, 1782, his descriptive list was taken: age 22, stature 6 feet, complexion dark, hair brown, occupation farmer, birthplace Oakham, residence Oakham.

February 7, 1783, he was given leave by Col. Jackson to go from New Windsor to Worcester for forty days, to visit his home, and on March 3, while on furlough, his intention of marriage to Patie Brown was published in the Oakham meeting-house.

He was discharged June 8, 1783, by General Washington, the term of enlistment having expired. He was one of the men in Col. Brooks's regiment who were entitled to honorary badges for long and faithful service, having been in the Continental Army from March 11, 1777, to June 8, 1783. He received one honorary stripe.

After the war, he lived for about six years in Oakham. When Father Tomlinson was settled in 1786, he contributed one thousand feet of closing boards towards building his house.

On April 17, 1818, when he applied for a pension, he was living in Eaton, Madison Co., N. Y., and was fifty-nine years of age.



In 1820, his wife was sixty-seven years old, and there were two grandchildren, one eight years old and the other five.

Enos Hudson was married to Patie Brown in 1783, and had three children, two born in Oakham: Samuel Smead, March 23, 1784; Rebekah, March 16, 1788; and one in Rutland: Patience, May 20, 1790.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., viii, 457 (6), 464 (1) [Zenas Hudson]. Oakham V. R., 32, 81. Rutland V. R., 58 [Samuel Smead, Nov. 27, 1784=baptism]. Pension Application, Apr. 17, 1818. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1791 [Joseph Hudson]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xlii, 168, 170. Subscription Paper for Mr. Tomlinson, May 3, 1786 (MS.).

## Samuel Hunt.

Born in Oakham in 1764.

He served as a Private in Capt. Thomas Whipple's company of guards from April 20, 1780, to September 20, 1780. The company was stationed at Rutland. Mr. Hunt lost his right leg in consequence of an injury received while fighting fire in the prison barracks.

Samuel Hunt was a tailor living in Coldbrook, and later had a country store there and ran an express between Coldbrook and Boston. In 1805 he was in partnership with Caleb Shattuck, and in 1824, with Asa French, Jr. He was for some years innkeeper in the old Craige tavern.

In 1803 he married Lydia F. Green of Rutland. She was daughter of Joseph Green of Rutland and was baptized February 1, 1779. Children, born in Oakham: Charles C., September 24, 1804; Samuel Lyman, May 28, 1810; George Austin, July 13, 1813; Laura B., May 2, 1820, married Horace E. Chace of Paxton.

Samuel Hunt died in Oakham, January 4, 1840, aged seventy-six years.

M. S. R., viii, 537 (9). Oakham V. R., 32, 81, 123. Rutland V. R., 48. *Spy*, March 27, 1805, March 24, 1824. *Worcester Telegram*, March 23, 1910 [Mrs. Laura B. Chace].

### James Hunter.

Enlisted for a term of two months at Roxbury and Dorchester, and receipted for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears, February 15, 1776. He marched as Private with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms, and was Corporal in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham for service in the Northern Department, which marched September 24, 1777, to join the army under General Gates.

James Hunter of New Braintree was married, April 13, 1769, to Sarah Hall. In 1774 he bought of his brother, William Hunter, for £200, one hundred acres, the south half of Lot No. 11, including all the land in the present village south of Maple Street. Here he lived till 1786, when he sold his farm to Rev. Daniel Tomlinson, to whose descendants it still belongs, and removed to Pelham, Mass. He was Warden of the town of Oakham in 1775, and member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1779.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188, 189. M. S. R., viii, 548 (5), (7). New Braintree V. R., 94. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 120. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, ci, 58, 59.

### Oliver Jackson.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, May 2, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. John Fellows' Regt., for term of eight months at Roxbury.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., viii, 684 (2).

### Abraham Joslin.

Marched with Capt. Crawford on the alarm at Rhode Island, July 23, 1777, and on the alarm at Bennington, August 20, 1777.

He came to Oakham from New Braintree and lived on the road from New Braintree to Oakham meeting-house, probably at the Boyden place.

December 9, 1773, he was married in New Braintree to Abigail Warner. A daughter Anna was born in New Braintree, February 15, 1776.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188. M. S. R., viii, 1000 (8). New Braintree V. R., 31, 95. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 439.

### Benjamin Joslin.

Sergeant in Capt. John Crawford's company of minutemen who marched April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm.

He lived for a short time on the north side of the old road leading from New Braintree to the Oakham meeting-house, the Charles Keith place. He sold his land in 1776 to James Blair and Abraham Joslin. In 1775 he was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety.

July 9, 1778, Benjamin Joslin and Persis, his wife, were dismissed to the church in New Braintree.

M. S. R., viii, 727 (12) [Jaslyn]. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxix, 439, lxxxiii, 140.

### John Kenny.

Enlisted from the town of Oakham May 5, 1777, as a Private in Capt. Edmund Hodges's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., and served two months and seven days in Rhode Island.

M. S. R., ix, 125 (11).

### Benjamin Knight.

Born in Sudbury, December 26, 1744, son of Samuel and Anna (Eams) Knight and brother of Silas Knight.

He enlisted in the summer of 1776 for a term of two months at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle, with Lieut. Asa French.

In 1773 he bought, for £100, seventy acres in the southwesterly part of Lot No. 18, bounded on the north by the land of Alexander Wilson. This was the Brimhall place. He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of the Congregational Church.

His wife's name was Hannah. They had four children, born in Oakham: Joseph, November 26, 1772; Molly, June 23, 1774; Betty, February 9, 1776; Benjamin, September 28, 1777.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Oakham V. R., 34, 35. Sudbury V. R., 83, 228. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxiii, 185. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### Silas Knight.

Born in Sudbury, May 5, 1757, son of Samuel and Anna (Eams) Knight.

He enlisted for the town of Sudbury June 28, 1776, and served till December 1, 1776, at Camp Hull and Castle Island. September 28, 1777, he again enlisted and served forty-one days with the Northern Army.

He came to Oakham about 1780 and lived in a house east of the Brimhall farm, on an old private road that ran in a northerly direction from the corner near the house of Isaac Stone, 2d. This road ran near a house on Bullard Hill, crossed the county road from Rutland to Hardwick near Phineas Bullard's and joined the Coldbrook road near the house of the late Capt. Sumner Barr. Silas Knight's house was burned in 1802. Deacon James Allen remembered going to this fire when he was ten years old.

He married Martha Goodenough, May 12, 1782. Children, born in Oakham: Silas, Jr., October 22, 1782; Mary, March 7, 1784; Perces, August 18, 1786; David, August 22, 1788; Pattie, January 26, 1790; Arathusa, November 29, 1791; Hiram, August 22, 1793; Ann, May 6, 1795; Prince, April 17, 1798; Benjamin Franklin, March 12, 1800; Thomas Jefferson, January 29, 1803.

Silas Knight died between July 30 and October 4, 1842. He was grandfather of Charles S. Knight and great-grandfather of James A. Knight, both of whom served in the Civil War in the 42d Massachusetts Infantry.

M. S. R., ix, 355 (4). Oakham V. R., 34, 35, 124. Sudbury V. R., 83, 228. Note of Dea. Jesse Allen.

### Jacob Kubler.

Enlisted March 30, 1778, as a Private in Capt. Thomas Whipple's Co., Col. Abijah Stearns' Regt., to serve till July 2, 1778, guarding troops of the Saratoga Convention at Rutland. He has also credit on the town records for a campaign to Boston, beginning July 1, 1778.

June 15, 1777, he was married in Sudbury to Susanna Hayden, aunt of Joel Hayden and sister of Mrs. Isaiah Parmenter. He came to Oakham the same year and bought for £78 fifty-five acres and a house in Lot No. 29, on the north side of the county road leading from Rutland to Hardwick. In 1793 he was living (probably in this house) east of William Green's farm, which was then sold to Jephtha Ripley. His will was filed December 23, 1796. He gave to his wife, who was appointed executrix, his "whole estate, both real and personal," from which it appears that he had no descendants. His widow died January 6, 1810, aged seventy-three.

Oakham T. R., i, 189. M. S. R., ix, 398 (7) [Kubelor]. Oakham V. R., 124 [Kibley]. Sudbury V. R., 227 [Kibler]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Dec. 23, 1796 [Kublear]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cvi, 390, cxix, 236.

### Loved Lincoln.

Born August 26, 1758, in Rehoboth, son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Elizabeth (Robinson) Lincoln, and brother of Stephen Lincoln.

He enlisted May 1, 1775, as a Private in Capt. Grainger's Co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's Regt. In May, 1778, he was enlisted by Capt. Crawford for the Continental Army for the term of nine

months, agreeably to the resolve of April 20, 1778; age 19, stature 6 feet, complexion dark. It is stated on the town records that he was "hired by the four Bells." He was assigned to Capt. Cavenagh's company in the detachment under Major Weeks, and was later transferred to Capt. Jones' company of Col. Lamb's New York Artillery. He was probably an artillery driver. In his application for a pension, he stated that he "was at Terra Town when that place was attacked, and retreated to White Plain September 12, 1778."

Loved Lincoln came to New Braintree with his father in 1759. Sometime after the close of the war, he settled in Lewiston, Maine. He was twice married: (1) to a young woman in New Braintree, who died January 19, 1805; (2) to Betsey, daughter of Jonathan Hodgkin of Lewiston, who was born in 1774. Children: Charlotte, married a Mr. Thompson, died August 7, 1812; Nathaniel, lived in Bath, Me.; Cyrus; Betsey, born 1797; Lurany; Sally; Levi; Rufus. Six other children died young.

Cyrus was a Lieutenant in the War of 1812, and was taken prisoner when on board the *Growler* in June, 1813, on the Sorrel River, near Lake Champlain. He was kept a prisoner at Quebec and Halifax until the close of the war. He lived in Bath, Maine, and had four children.

Loved Lincoln died in Lewiston April 9, 1850, aged ninety-two years.

Oakham T. R., i, 190. M. S. R., ix, 796 (5) [Linclon], 813 (5), 824 (7) [Lincon], 837 (14) [Linkhorn]. Note of Dea. Horace Lincoln of Oakham. Pension Application, Apr. 12, 1818. N. E. Gen. & Ant. Reg., iv (1850), 293 [Lovell Lincoln]. *Morris*, Stephen Lincoln of Oakham, Mass., 10, 20. Letter of Professor G. M. Chase of Lewiston.

## Stephen Lincoln.

Born in Rehoboth, December 3, 1751, son of Nathaniel, Jr., and Elizabeth (Robinson) Lincoln. His mother was daughter of Increase, Jr., and Mehitabel (Williams) Robinson. His father, Nathaniel, Jr., was a descendant in the fifth generation of Thomas Lincoln, who came from England in 1635, settled in Hingham, and removed before 1650 to Taunton.



He has credit on the town records for six months' service in Rhode Island, beginning in August, 1778.

He came from Taunton to New Braintree in 1759, and removed a few years later to Oakham. He built a log house on Bogle Hill, in which his first two children were born. March 6, 1783, he purchased of the estate of Silas Hill, for £201, ninety-two acres, with house, barn, shoemaker's shop, bark house and tan yard, to which he added by subsequent purchase one hundred acres more. About 1800 he built the large house now belonging to Arthur and Francena Spooner. Here he lived till his death, March 16, 1840. He was chosen Chorister June 17, 1779, was Warden in 1784, and Selectman in 1791 and 1798.

April 29, 1779, he married Lydia Foster, daughter of Lieut. Ebenezer Foster. Children, born in Oakham: Abner, February 11, 1780; Hannah, September 25, 1781; Lydia, March 2, 1784; Lucy, October 23, 1786; Betsy, September 7, 1788; Levi, November 3, 1790; Stephen, Jr., November 29, 1792; Sally, May 19, 1795; Justus, May 20, 1797; Mary, December 17, 1799; Louisa, February 3, 1803. A full account of his ancestry and descendants was published by John E. Morris in 1895. At that time his descendants numbered nearly four hundred.

Oakham T. R., i, 214. Oakham V. R., 26, 36, 84, 124 [84 years should be 89]. *Morris*, Stephen Lincoln, 5, 17, 19, 36-38. *Morris*, Ancestry of Lydia Foster, 8, 9. Oakham Church Records i, 6. Recollections of Mr. Stephen Lincoln.

### John Macomber.

Born May 18, 1760, in Taunton, Mass., son of John and Abigail (Padelford) Macomber, and descendant in the fifth generation of John Macomber who was in Taunton in 1643.

In the autumn of 1776, he was a private in Capt. Joshua Wilbore's Co., Col. Ebenezer Francis's Regt. He probably served from March 1 to May 1, 1778, at the Fort at Dartmouth, and also in the summer of 1780 in Rhode Island, in Capt. Barnabas Doty's Co., Lieut. Col. White's Regt. He is said to have been made deaf in the war.

John Macomber came from Taunton to Oakham before 1795, and removed from Oakham to Westford, Vt., not later than 1821, when he and his wife united with the Congregational Church in that place.

August 25, 1785, he was married to Mary, daughter of Calvin Dean. She was born March 23, 1767, and died at Westford, November 29, 1823. After her death he was again married, December 8, 1825, to Betsey Robinson. He was the father of twelve children, the first four born in Taunton, the others in Oakham: Calvin Dean, June 7, 1786, died in Oakham, October 30, 1829; Betsey, September 3, 1788; Mary, August 16, 1790, married Samuel Thresher, Jr., of New Braintree, March 14, 1815; Abigail G., June 17, 1792; Harriet, February 11, 1795, married (1) Harvey Fales, March 26, 1816, who died in Oakham, April 3, 1836, (2) Levi Howe of Shrewsbury, February 11, 1845; John Jarvis, November 11, 1786; Lydia, December 11, 1798, died September 11, 1815; Pliny, October 13, 1800, died December 11, 1815; Lewis, June 2, 1803, died May 25, 1825, at Millidgeville, Ga.; Philip, October 15, 1805, died December 13, 1813; Luther, December 13, 1808, married Eliza Crawford, April 11, 1833; Sumner, June 17, 1811.

John Jarvis was married, January 17, 1828, to Abigail, daughter of Jonathan and Susan (Crawford) Packard, and had thirteen children, five of whom were soldiers in the Civil War.

John Macomber, the Revolutionary soldier, died in Westford, Vt., October 11, 1841, at the age of eighty-one years.

Oakham V. R., 37, 40, 70, 86, 118, 125 [Pliny=Ryna]. Macomber Genealogy, 24, 25, 37 [Oct. 30=Oct. 3]. Oakham T. R., ii, 360. M. S. R., x, 120 (8), 121 (2), (3).

### Aaron McCobb.

Eldest son of William and Mary (Crawford) McCobb, and nephew of Alexander Crawford, one of the first settlers of Oakham. He was born in Rutland, but was living in Oakham at the beginning of the war.

He enlisted for the town of Oakham, May 2, 1775, in Capt. Simeon Hazeltine's company of the 8th Regiment, commanded

by Col. Fellows, and received a bounty coat at Dorchester, November 27 of the same year. On March 10, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army from Rutland, for three years, in Capt. Wheeler's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt., and died in the service February 27, 1778.

M. S. R., x, 441 (4). Crawford Family of Oakham, 10.

### Alexander McFarland, Jr.

Son of Alexander McFarland, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, who in 1742 bought two hundred acres in Lot No. 10 for £250, who married Jean Harper, daughter of William Harper, also one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, and who served as Selectman in 1761 and 1763.

He enlisted May 10, 1775, as Private in Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Jonathan Ward's Regt., and was in the battle of Bunker Hill.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., x, 480 (6). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1766 [Alexander McFarland], Oct. 31, 1774 [William Harper]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xv, 341.

### Reuben McFarland.

Born December 4, 1759, son of Alexander and Jean (Harper) McFarland, and grandson of William Harper, one of the first settlers of Oakham.

He was Private in Capt. Newell's company, which was detached November 3, 1778, from General Warner's brigade to join Col. Gerrish's regiment of guards and escort troops of the Saratoga Convention from Rutland to Enfield, Conn. He has also credit on the town records for a short service in Rhode Island, in 1778.

He was residuary legatee of his father's estate. In 1782 he was married to Margaret McFarland, of Adams.

Oakham T. R., i, 214. M. S. R., x, 487 (12) [McFarling]. Oakham V. R., 37, 86. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1766 [Alexander McFarland].

## Matthew McGilligan.

Was living in Oakham at the beginning of the war, and was probably in the employ of Deacon James Dean.

Matthew McGilligan was enlisted by James Dean in Capt. Samuel Dexter's company of men raised in Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham for six months' service in the siege of Boston, and was in camp at Roxbury in January, 1776. March 11, 1777, he was again enlisted by James Dean in the Continental Army for three years, and was in Capt. Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt., which served in the Northern Army and took part in the capture of General Burgoyne. April 1, 1781, he enlisted in the Continental Army for the town of Warren, for a term of three years. A descriptive list in 1781 gave his age 22, stature 5 feet 11, complexion light, occupation farmer.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., vi, 450 (13), 451 (1) [Gilligan], x, 492 (8) [McGilligan].

## James McHerrin.

Private in Capt. John Crawford's company of minutemen which marched on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. While still in service as a minuteman, he reënlisted April 27, 1775, for eight months in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., and was made Corporal.

James McHerrin was married to Fanny, fifth daughter of William and Mary (Crawford) McCobb. Children, baptized in Rutland: Peggy, May 25, 1777; Elizabeth, August 5, 1781; Mary, April 27, 1783. He removed with his family to Vermont before 1790.

M. S. R., x, 112 (13) [Mackilharin], xi, 183 (5) [Muckleherin], 183 (6) [Muckleheron]. Rutland V. R., 62 [McElheron], 63 [McHeron], 164 [McCkelheron]. Crawford Family of Oakham, 10 [Michaelherring]. U. S. Census (1790), Vt., 16 [George McElcharan]. Oakham T. R., i, 165 [McLe Herrin].

## Francis Maynard.

Has credit on the town records for three months' service as guard at Rutland in 1779.

He was a tailor, came from Rutland to Oakham about 1776 and purchased in the west part of the town, near the old county road, a farm on which his descendants still live. He was twice elected a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety.

In 1767 he married Ruth Hubbard, who died September 21, 1782. He was again married February 12, 1784, to Serviah Wright of Brookfield. Children, the first six born in Rutland, the others in Oakham: Marcy, March 14, 1767; Patty, May 27, 1768; Amasa, September 16, 1769; Ephraim, September 5, 1771; Ruth, September 18, 1774; Naomi, March 6, 1776; Simon, May 5, 1778; Sally, November 7, 1780; Polly, baptized September 15, 1782; Francis, August 2, 1788.

Francis Maynard died January 16, 1799, aged sixty years.

Oakham T. R., i, 215. Oakham V. R., 38, 86, 125. Rutland V. R., 65, 170 [Meynard]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvii, 163, lxxviii, 213. *Reed*, *Hist. of Rutland*, 144.

## Samuel Metcalf.

Son of Ebenezer and Margaret Metcalf, born in Rutland in 1739.

He was Sergeant in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen who marched on April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. September 19, 1776, he enlisted for two months as Corporal with Lieut. Asa French at Dobbs Ferry, Tarrytown and North Castle. He was also Sergeant in the detachment from the Oakham company that marched on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777, and in Capt. Crawford's company raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree, that marched September 7, 1777, and was engaged in the battles that resulted in the surrender of Burgoyne. In 1778 he served again in the regiment that guarded Burgoyne's troops on their march from Rutland to Enfield, Conn.

Samuel Metcalf came from Rutland and bought in 1763 of Edmond Goodenough, for £70, ninety acres in the northerly part of Lot No. 2, with a dwelling-house thereon. This farm had been purchased by Mr. Goodenough of John Sollen in 1761, and was the farm on which David Fuller was living in 1870, when Beers' Worcester County Atlas was made.

He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of the Congregational Church, and was on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775.

He was married in Rutland, March 11, 1762, to Hannah Richardson, and had eleven children, all born in Oakham: Thomas, August 9, 1764; David, September 15, 1766; Ester, September 14, 1768; Samuel, October 18, 1770; John, December 30, 1772; Joseph, August 24, 1774; Jane, July 30, 1776; Elisabeth, March 14, 1779; Alpha, October 27, 1780; Hannah, June 15, 1782; Abigail, May 30, 1784.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188, 214. M. S. R., x, 595 (12) [Metcalf], 712 (2). Oakham V. R., 38. Rutland V. R., 169. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xlvi, 212. *Reed*, Hist. of Rutland, 163. Pay Roll, Capt. How's Co., 1776.

### John Moore.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, August 7, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for six months' service in Rhode Island.

John Moore lived on the Crocker Nye farm till 1778. His wife's name was Hannah. Two children were born in Oakham: Nancy, May 7, 1773; William, March 2, 1778.

M. S. R., xi, 100 (4) [Morse]. Oakham V. R., 39 [Moore]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvi, 338.

### Ebenezer Nye.

Born in Barnstable, Mass., February 2, 1739, son of Caleb and Hannah (Bodfish) Nye, who were married October 28, 1731. Hannah Bodfish was daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Crocker) Bodfish. She was born in



Barnstable, February 12, 1712, and died March 7, 1779. Caleb Nye was born in Sandwich, Mass., June 28, 1704, the son of Nathan Nye, and grandson of Benjamin Nye, of Sandwich. In 1736 Caleb Nye removed to Barnstable, and in 1756 to Hardwick, Mass. His will was written in Hardwick December 13, 1775, and proved June 5, 1787.

Ebenezer Nye enlisted for the town of Barre, April 20, 1775, in Capt. John Black's Co., Col. Jonathan Brewer's Regt., and was made Corporal. He was in the battle of Bunker Hill, and received compensation for a bayonet and belt lost in the battle. He went also for the town of Barre in Capt. Benjamin Nye's Co. on the Bennington alarm, August 21, 1777, and again in the same company, on September 26, sent to reinforce the Northern Army. He served for the town of Oakham in Capt. Jotham Houghton's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's Regt., from October 24 to December 1, 1779, at Claverack, and has credit on the Oakham town records for fifteen days in April, 1777, on an alarm at Williamstown. His name is on the roll of Capt. Newell's Co. for fifteen days' service, on the march to Enfield, Conn., November 3 to November 18, 1778.

Ebenezer Nye came from Barre, and bought in 1778 of John Moore, for £700, two hundred and five acres with buildings thereon, still known as the Crocker Nye farm. He was Selectman of Oakham for nine years, and was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1779.

Deacon Jesse Allen bought at the auction of Timothy Nye's property the gun which Ebenezer Nye carried in the Revolution. It was with the barrel of this gun used as a retort that Rev. David Burt made some of his chemical experiments when he taught the Oakham High School. The explosion of an ancient charge of powder left in the gun from flintlock days somewhat lessened the enthusiasm of the students for that kind of laboratory practice. The gun is now in the possession of William A. Nye.

Ebenezer Nye was married, July 8, 1759, to Meletiah Sturges of Hyannis, who was born in 1740 and died in March, 1826. Children:

Josiah Sturges, a soldier in the Revolutionary Army.

Temperance, who married Jonathan Richardson of Barre, November 12, 1778.

Lucretia, who married Alpheus Stone in 1781.

Marcy, who married Bowman Chaddock, September 5, 1782.

Timothy, baptized June 5, 1768, married November 25, 1790, to Parnal, daughter of Deacon Jesse Allen.

Meletiah, baptized July 8, 1770, married November 29, 1792, to Rev. Calvin Chaddock, Dartmouth, 1786.

Crocker, born July 4, 1772, married May 23, 1799, to Dulcinia, daughter of Major Artemas Howe. He was the father of David H. Nye and the grandfather of William A. Nye.

Achsa, called in her father's will the youngest daughter, baptized August 28, 1774, married Eli Haskell of Middleboro November 1, 1797.

Salmon, born in 1778, who was graduated from Dartmouth in 1803, studied law in Barnstable, Mass., was admitted to the Common Pleas Court in Barnstable in 1809, and to the Supreme Judicial Court in Plymouth in October, 1812. He was County Attorney for Barnstable County from 1811 to 1813. He went South in 1818 and died in 1823 in North Carolina.

John, born in 1780, who was graduated from Dartmouth in 1801, in the class with Daniel Webster, studied law in Providence and practiced in New Bedford, Mass., where he died in 1826.

Ebenezer Nye died in Oakham in 1793.

Oakham T. R., i, 189, 252 [his son, Josiah S. Nye]. M. S. R., xi, 584 (5), (7), 585 (3). Oakham V. R., 40, 89 [Jonathan Richardson = Samuell], 126. N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., lvii (1903), 410-414. General Catalogue of Dartmouth College (1910-11), 210, 212. Letter of Mrs. William A. Nye of Oakham. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Aug. 6, 1793. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvi, 338. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. *Paige*, Hist. of Hardwick, 429, 430. Nye Genealogy, 27, 44, 90, 138 [Pamelia Sturges should be Meletiah], 234. *Davis*, Mass. Bench and Bar, ii, 330 [Julia (Hinckley) should be Meletiah (Sturges)]. Hyannis Town Clerk's Records.

### Josiah Sturges Nye.

Was sent by his father in 1780 as a militiaman in a three months' campaign at West Point, and received £10 bounty from the town. He enlisted July 5, and was discharged October 10.

Oakham T. R., i, 252. M. S. R., xi, 595 (2) [Sturgis Nye].

## Silas Nye.

Born in Barnstable in 1744, son of Caleb and Hannah (Bodfish) Nye, and brother of Ebenezer Nye.

Silas Nye enlisted for the town of Barre, April 20, 1775, in Capt. John Black's Co., and was in the battle of Bunker Hill. He received compensation for a coat lost in that battle. He went also, for the town of Barre, on the Bennington alarm, August 21, 1777. From September 26 to October 18, 1777, he served for the town of Oakham in Capt. Benjamin Nye's Co., which marched to reinforce the Northern Army.

November 27, 1766, he was married in Hardwick to Patience, daughter of Nathan and Patience Carpenter. She was born April 14, 1744. Children: Sarah, born January 13, 1768; Hannah, born November 22, 1769; Nathan, born January 5, 1772; Caleb, born July 5, 1774; Prudence, born September, 1776; Silas, born December 1, 1780; Amos, born July 31, 1784, died April 9, 1789.

At the close of the war, Silas Nye removed to Salem, Washington County, N. Y., and in 1791 to Pittsford, Monroe Co., N. Y., where he died. In 1796, 1797, and 1799, he served on the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County.

Oakham T. R., i, 189. M. S. R., xi, 594 (1). *Paige*, Hist. of Hardwick, 429, 430. Nye Genealogy, 90, 140, 141.

## William O'Brien.

William O'Brien was a British soldier who had served in the 9th Regiment under General Burgoyne, and was taken prisoner at Saratoga in October, 1777. He had either escaped or been paroled from the prison barracks at Rutland and, in the fall of 1778, he and George Perkins, a member of the 33d Regiment, came to Oakham, where they found employment as nail-makers with Thomas Mann. They were accepted as citizens and married. When the Council at Boston, on October 12, 1779, ordered that all escaped or paroled prisoners should be returned, he and Perkins petitioned the Massachusetts Legislature to be

allowed to remain, and, on December 20, 1779, were given liberty to reside in the state during the Court's pleasure.

January 11, 1781, he enlisted in the Continental Army for the town of Paxton, for three years, under Resolve of December 2, 1780; age 28, stature 5 feet 6, complexion dark, occupation nail-maker. He was first in Col. Benjamin Tupper's (10th) Regt., and later in Capt. Matthew Chamber's Co., Lieut. Col. Calvin Smith's (6th) Regt.

M. S. R., xi, 614 (11) [Obrian], 616 (11) [Obrine], 617 (4) [Obryon]. Acts and Resolves, Prov. of Mass. Bay, v, 840-843. See George Perkins, p. 130; George Walls, p. 146.

### William Oliver.

Joined Capt. Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt., for a term of three years in the Continental Army. He enlisted for the town of Oakham, March 11, 1777, and was in camp near Peekskill, February 16, 1779. In May, 1779, he was reported with the Paymaster General, and on July 1, 1779, was appointed A. D. P. General. An order on Capt. Heywood, payable to Phineas Heywood, dated Shrewsbury, June 7, 1779, was signed by said Oliver, for \$100 gratuity, which had been granted by the General Court in May, 1778.

William Oliver was a school-teacher, and taught in the north-east and southwest plots in Oakham before his enlistment. His wife, Sarah Oliver, received aid from the town while her husband was in the army.

Oakham T. R., i, 171, 199, 207. M. S. R., xi, 646 (4).

### Joseph Osborn, Jr.

Baptized in Hopkinton, March 23, 1755, second child and eldest son of Joseph and Jennett (Hodge) Osborn, who were married December 31, 1751. His father, Joseph Osborn, was son of John and Jenat Osborn, and was born in Hopkinton, September 27, 1722. He had eight children, all born in Hopkinton.

Joseph Osborn, the father, came to Oakham in 1770, and October 18, purchased of James Craige, Jr., for £88 6s. 8d. one hundred and thirty acres in Lot AA. This land was above Clampherd Meadow (now Walter Dean's reservoir) and his house was near the residence of Jacob Adams. He died March 22, 1800, aged seventy-seven years.

Joseph Osborn, Jr., was a soldier, perhaps the Joseph Orsborn "listed for Quebeck" in Capt. Agrippa Well's Co., Col. Asa Whitcomb's Regt., but more likely the man enrolled as John Osburn in Capt. Joseph Thompson's Co. of Col. Thomas Nixon's Regt. who died at North Castle, September 21, 1776. On April 18, 1777, the town "Voted that Joseph Osburn's Campaign rate of £3-5-10 be allowed him for his son Joseph's Service in the war, who is now deceased."

Oakham T. R., i, 171. [M. S. R., xi, 682 (6) [Orsborn] (?), 694 (6) [John Osburn] (?)]. Oakham V. R., 126. Hopkinton V. R., 144 [Ozborn], 145 [Ozburn], 336 [Orsborn]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxiii, 306, cxxviii, 599, clix, 417.

### Ichabod Packard.

Born in Bridgewater, August 1, 1738, son of George and Mary (Edson) Packard. George Packard was son of Nathaniel Packard, and a descendant on his mother's side of that branch of the Eliot family to which belonged John Eliot, "the Apostle of the Indians."

Ichabod Packard was a soldier in the French War. He was with General Winslow in 1755, when that officer was sent by Governor Shirley to Annapolis (Port Royal), Nova Scotia, to remove the Acadians, and served again under General Winslow in the following year at Fort William Henry.

He has credit on the town records for two months' service in New York in 1776. August 20, 1777, he marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm.

He came to Oakham from Bridgewater in 1770 and purchased from Thomas Whipple of New Braintree, for £26 13s. 4d., a farm with the buildings thereon, in the northwest corner of Lot X, on the county road leading from Rutland to Brookfield (the Parley Packard farm). In 1777 he purchased of his brother-in-

law, Jesse Allen, land in Lot No. 22, the farm lately owned by James Shearn, and on this place he lived till his death, November 23, 1813. He was admitted to the Presbyterian Church in Oakham on profession of faith, but was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a church in Congregational form.

On May 3, 1757, he was married to Ruth Allen, sister of Jesse Allen, who came to Oakham with him in 1770. Children, born in Bridgewater: Nehemiah, October 27, 1760; Ichabod, Jr., May 27, 1763; Lydia, March 6, 1766; Isaac, February 9, 1769; born in Oakham: Caleb, February 7, 1771; James, 1775; Martha, 1782.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., xii, 347 (4) [Pickard]. Packard Family (MS.) by Mr. Charles M. Packard of Westboro. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 255, 259. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxx, 435. cxcvi, 8.

### Nehemiah Packard.

Born in Bridgewater, October 27, 1760, son of Ichabod and Ruth (Allen) Packard.

Nehemiah Packard enlisted May 16, 1775, when fourteen years of age, in Capt. Simeon Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for eight months' service at Roxbury. He marched with the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and served in a campaign to Bennington and Half Moon under Capt. Edmund Hodges in Col. Job Cushing's Regt., from July 27 to August 29, 1777. He was also in Capt. Cutler's company, which was raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham, and which marched September 24, 1777, with Lieut. Alexander Bothwell to join the army under General Gates.

In 1780 he married Lucy Nye of Barre. Children: Hannah, born May 14, 1780; Ruth, born October 26, 1783; Susanna, born November 7, 1785; Rebecca, born December 21, 1786; Nathan, born June 29, 1789; Sally, born April 27, 1792; Parley, born March 30, 1794.



Nehemiah Packard died in Oakham, January 24, 1830, aged sixty-nine years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 180, 187, 188, 189. M. S. R., xi, 747 (6) [Packer], 816 (14) [Parcard], 892 (9) [Parker], xii, 105 (12) [Pekard]. Oakham V. R., 40, 41, 90, 126. Packard Family (see above).

### The Parmenter Family.

Aaron Parmenter came from Sudbury at the time of the first settlement of Oakham.

He was married to Jean, daughter of James and Rachel (Wallis) Craige, November 26, 1747. Children: Rebecca, born March 16, 1748; Rachel, born November 3, 1751; Jacob, born January 3, 1754; Hannah, born March 16, 1756; Anna, born March 10, 1758; James, born July 3, 1760; Daniel, born August 5, 1762; Aaron, Jr., born January 25, 1765.

Oakham V. R., 41. Sudbury V. R., 35 [Creage], 246.

### Daniel Parmenter.

Born in Sudbury, November 30, 1740, son of William and Mary (Pepper) Parmenter. His mother, Mary Pepper of Framingham, was married to William Parmenter September 25, 1740.

Daniel Parmenter was Sergeant in a company that served two months at Roxbury in the early part of 1776, and marched as Private on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777. September 7, 1777, he enlisted as Private in Capt. Crawford's company which was raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree and sent to reinforce the army of General Gates at Saratoga.

He came from Sudbury to Oakham, and purchased in 1764 of James Craige, Jr., for £30. ninety-one and one-half acres in Lot No. 25 (the farm occupied one hundred years later by Orlando Russell), and thirty-two acres in Lot O. He was Selectman in 1781, 1792, and 1793, and was on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1780.

September 20, 1764, he was married to Mary Knight, and had seven children, born in Oakham: Anne, February 18, 1767; Samuel, August 29, 1768; Daniel, Jr., February 27, 1771, died January 19, 1810; Mary, May 23, 1773; Tamer, August 8, 1775; William, March 29, 1778; Spencer, May 12, 1785.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., xi, 812 (9)' [Pameter], 938 (5). Oakham V. R., 41, 42, 127. Sudbury V. R., 104, 246, 248. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 227.

### Isaac Parmenter.

Born in Oakham, March 30, 1756, son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Craige) Parmenter.

He enlisted in the Continental Army, March 11, 1777, for three years in Capt. John Reed's Co., Col. Alden's Regt., and received £20 bounty from the town of Oakham. He was wounded in the action at Cobleskill, May 31, 1778, when the small American force under Captains Brown and Patrick were drawn into an ambushade by a large party of Indians under Brant. After five months in hospital at Schenectady, he rejoined his regiment. November 11, 1778, he was taken prisoner in the Indian raid at Cherry Valley. In his application for pension, dated April 20, 1818, he thus describes his service:

"Marched from Oakham to Peekskill, to Albany, to Fort Ann, and met Burgoyne. Marched to Saratoga, then to Albany. Next spring in command of Capt. Patrick at Cooniskill, there met the Indians of the enemy, was wounded and put in hospital at Skanantoda. After recovery, went to Cherry Valley, joined Alden's regiment, and there met Brant and Butler of the enemy, and the place was practically destroyed. Said Parmenter taken prisoner by Indians and kept eleven months and taken to Canada. Then given up to the British and kept by them thirteen months. Then exchanged with Col. Butler and a Miss Campbell of Cherry Valley."

He received by will from his father a farm of sixty-three acres, being the northeasterly part of Lot No. 8, situated between the homestead given to his brother, William Parmenter, and the farm of Ebenezer Foster.

October 4, 1781, he was married, in Hardwick, to Lydia Furness. In 1818 he was living at Cohocton, Steuben Co., N. Y. He died April 26, 1826.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., xi, 943 (4) [Parmeter], 947 (4) [Parmiter]. Oakham V. R., 91. Pension Application, Apr. 20, 1818 [March 30, 1756 = March 27]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Apr. 6, 1790 [Solomon Parmenter].

### Isaiah Parmenter.

Born in Sudbury, July 16, 1742, son of William and Mary (Pepper) Parmenter.

He was First Lieutenant in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen who marched April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm; and Sergeant in Capt. Samuel Dexter's company, which was raised in Hardwick, New Braintree and Oakham for six months' service in the siege of Boston. This company formed part of Col. Ebenezer Learned's regiment, and went into camp at Roxbury, May 19, 1775. He served also, with rank of Ensign, in New York, in the latter part of 1776, and again as Lieutenant in Capt. Ralph Earll's Co., Col. Danforth Keyes's Regt., from June 27, 1777, till July 27, 1777, at Providence.

Isaiah Parmenter was Selectman of Oakham in 1778 and 1779, and was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1777. He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a Congregational Church in Oakham.

January 28, 1762, he was married in Sudbury to Lydia, daughter of Uriah and Hannah Hayden. Children: Thaddeus, born July 27, 1762; Winsor, born March 27, 1766.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., xi, 938 (7), 949 (8) [Parmenter]. Oakham V. R., 42. Sudbury V. R., 64, 106, 246. Oakham Church Records, i, 1.

### Jacob Parmenter.

Son of Aaron and Jean (Craige) Parmenter, was born in Oakham, January 3, 1754.

He was one of the minutemen in Capt. Crawford's company that marched April 19, 1775, in response to the Lexington alarm. While still in service as a minuteman, he enlisted, April 27, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for a term of eight months at Roxbury. September 13, 1777, he enlisted as a Private in the Continental Army, residence Oakham. He appears to have been in Col. William R. Lee's regiment, when in 1780, at Morristown, this and three other Massachusetts regiments were incorporated into one regiment, under command of Col. Henry Jackson, agreeable to the arrangement of April 9, 1779. Said Jacob Parmenter appeared among men belonging to Col. Lee's regiment who had been discharged from the rolls prior to this agreement. He had been reported deserted September 6, 1778, his family living in Oakham. By the report of a committee for settling disputes between towns as to soldiers credited to them (year not given), said Parmenter of Oakham was allowed to Northfield. He has also credit on the Oakham town records for service at Ticonderoga in 1776 and 1777.

He was married to Ruth Bellows August 12, 1776.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 171. M. S. R., xi, 938 (8), 943 (5) [Parmeter], 945 (12) [Parmetur], xii, 178 (2) [Permenter], 178 (9) [Permertor]. Oakham V. R., 41. Rutland V. R., 177.

### James Parmenter.

Born in Oakham, July 3, 1760, son of Aaron and Jean (Craige) Parmenter.

He enlisted in the Continental Army March 11, 1777, for a term of three years, in Capt. Reed's Co., Col. Alden's, afterwards Col. Brooks's Regt., and received £20 bounty from the town of Oakham. He was in the battles of Saratoga that resulted in the

defeat of General Burgoyne. In the massacre at Cherry Valley, November 11, 1778, he was taken prisoner by the Indians, and is supposed to have died in captivity.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., xi, 943 (7) [Parmenter], 947 (6) [Parmiter]. Oakham V. R., 41.

### Rufus Parmenter.

Born in Sudbury, July 4, 1752, eldest son of Samuel and Mary (Tower) Parmenter, who were married November 14, 1751.

He marched with Capt. Crawford's company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777.

Rufus Parmenter lived in a small house at Lincolnville which was occupied by Stephen Lincoln, Jr., from 1834 to 1857. The jury-box still used by the town of Oakham was made by him.

In 1778 he was married to Hannah Mann of Paxton. Children, born in Oakham; Elijah, December 26, 1779, died of spotted fever, March 21, 1810; Edmund, March 26, 1782; Elisabeth Mann, October 21, 1784, died November 20, 1822; Luke, April 29, 1787, died September 17, 1787; Lucy, August 11, 1788; Ezra, April 30, 1792, died September 5, 1794.

Mr. Parmenter died in Oakham, February 16, 1814, aged sixty-one years.

Oakham T. R., i, 187. M. S. R., xi, 940 (8). Oakham V. R., 41, 91, 127. Sudbury V. R., 108, 248. Recollections of Mr. Stephen Lincoln.

### Solomon Parmenter.

Born in Sudbury, September 14, 1721, son of Solomon and Deborah Parmenter.

He has credit on the town records for four months' service at Boston in 1776. As he was then fifty-five years old, he evidently sent for this campaign his son William, whose name appears on the pay roll of the company of Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton of Templeton, dated Dorchester, November 20, 1776. This

was one of the eight companies raised "for the defence of Boston," in accordance with the Resolve of April 9, 1776.

Solomon Parmenter came from Sudbury at the time of the first settlement of Oakham and bought of James Craige in 1758 two hundred and fifty acres of land and two-fifths of the Craige saw-mill. He was Assessor in 1760, and a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1780.

May 10, 1748, he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of James and Rachel (Wallis) Craige. Children, born in Oakham: William, in 1752; Betty, in 1754; Lois, who married Timothy Underwood; Isaac, March 30, 1756; Lucy, who married Elijah Holt of Fitchburgh, April 17, 1781; Betty, October 24, 1761; Grace, August 17, 1763, married Richard Dean in 1788; Moley, March 24, 1769, married Amasa Maynard in 1793.

Betty Parmenter died March 29, 1761, aged seven years. Her grave is the only one in the old cemetery, on the hill south of Coldbrook, that is marked by a tombstone. This was the first lot set apart for a burial ground in Oakham.

Solomon Parmenter died in Oakham, December 19, 1789, aged sixty-nine years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. Oakham V. R., 41, 80, 127. Gravestone Record of Betty Parmenter in Coldbrook Hill Cemetery. Sudbury V. R., 35 [Creag], 109, 248. Pension Application of Isaac Parmenter (see above). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Apr. 6, 1790. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxiii, 418.

### William Parmenter.

Born in Oakham in 1752, the eldest son of Solomon and Elizabeth (Craige) Parmenter.

He was sent by his father to serve for four months in 1776 as a Private in Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dike's Regt., and was stationed at Dorchester Heights. Pay abstract for travel home (67 miles) was dated Dorchester, November 20, 1776. He also marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.



William Parmenter received by will from his father the homestead farm, including the whole of Lot No. 9, with all his tools, cattle, horses, and sheep; also one-half of the saw-mill standing near the said homestead.

In 1776 he was married to Jenney Boyd, probably a daughter of Samuel Boyd. A daughter, Mahittable, was born March 3, 1778. His wife Jenney died in Oakham, June 13, 1783, aged twenty-eight years, and he was again married to Kathrin Dean in 1783.

Mr. Parmenter died in Oakham, February 10, 1827, aged seventy-five years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., xi, 812 (11) [Pameter], 940 (12). Oakham V. R., 41, 92, 127. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Apr. 6, 1790 [Solomon Parmenter].

### Asa Partridge.

Born May 23, 1736, in Medfield, son of Edward and Sarah (Jones) Partridge. Edward Partridge was grandson of William Partridge who settled in Medfield, where he died in 1692.

He was Sergeant in Capt Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dike's Regt., which was at Dorchester Heights. Pay abstract for travel home, sixty-seven miles, was dated November 20, 1776. He served also from October 19, 1779, to November 23, 1779, at Claverack, as Private in Capt. Joseph Richardson's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's Regt. He has also credit on the town records for a campaign to Boston, beginning April 1, 1778.

He came to Oakham from New Braintree and bought at Public Vendue, June 23, 1767, for £78 19s. 7d., one hundred and seventy acres of land in Oakham, being the northerly part of Lot No. 26, belonging to Robert Wilson and sold for unpaid taxes.

Asa Partridge was Selectman of Oakham in 1778, and member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775. He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a church in Congregational form,

and was chosen "Quorister" at a church meeting, October 26, 1775.

December 25, 1758, he married Rachel Banister of Brookfield. Children, the first four born in Brookfield and the last four in Oakham: Pamela, December 17, 1759; Katherin, January 16, 1762; Calista, October 7, 1763; Rachel, August 2, 1765; Mary, August 2, 1767, in New Braintree; Lurana, August 23, 1769; Asa, October 15, 1771; Frederick, December 5, 1773; Sarah, March 6, 1779. His wife was admitted to the Congregational Church in Oakham August 8, 1773, on letter from the Third Church in Brookfield.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 189, 242. M. S. R., xi, 985 (2), (3). N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., lxiii (1909), 90, 93. Oakham V. R., 42. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Brookfield V. R., 171, 382. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lvii, 257.

### Edward Partridge, 2d.

Born in Medfield, May 23, 1738, son of Edward and Sarah (Jones) Partridge, and brother of Asa and Silas Partridge.

He has credit on the town records for five months' service in New York, ending December 1, 1776, and marched July 23, 1777, with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island alarm.

Edward Partridge purchased of Jesse Allen, in 1772, the farm on which Charles H. Trowbridge now lives. He was one of the petitioners, June 23, 1773, for the organization of a church in Congregational form, and was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1780.

In 1770, he was married in Franklin to Hannah Legg, who was born March 11, 1749, and died in Oakham, April 25, 1832. Children, the first born in Franklin, the others in Oakham: Chloe, November 1, 1771; Bernard, November 1, 1773; Hannah, November 21, 1775; Elias, August 11, 1778; Adin, October 19, 1780; Olive, July 29, 1783; Edward, 3d, December 17, 1785; Reuben, January 31, 1788; John, March 10, 1790; Sarah, May 12, 1794.

Edward Partridge, 2d, died October 19, 1815, aged seventy-eight years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187. M. S. R., xi, 986 (6). N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., lxiii (1909), 93, 94, 95. Oakham V. R., 42, 127. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxviii, 58.

### Silas Partridge.

Born September 2, 1744, in Medfield, son of Edward and Sarah (Jones) Partridge.

He has credit on the town records for five months' service in New York, ending December 1, 1776, and for a campaign to Boston, beginning April 1, 1778.

Silas Partridge lived on the Partridge place in Lot X. He was married, April 22, 1773, to Sarah Pray, who was born in 1745. He died in Oakham, September 25, 1819, aged seventy-five years. His widow, Sarah, died in Oakham November 30, 1822, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 189. N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., lxiii (1909), 93. Oakham V. R., 127. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xcix, 196.

### Benjamin Perkins.

Born in Bridgewater, July 9, 1735, son of Solomon and Lydia (Sprague) Perkins, and great grandson of David Perkins who came from Beverly to Bridgewater before 1688. His brother, Solomon Perkins, served in 1755 in the French war, under General Winslow.

He has credit on the town records for six weeks' service in Rhode Island, beginning July 1, 1779.

In 1779 he purchased from Ichabod Packard, for £40, thirty-seven acres in the south part of Lot X, which Mr. Packard had purchased of Robert Harper. This was probably on the road that leads from Lover's Lane, near the old Bothwell mill.

July 28, 1761, he married Hepzibah Washburn of Middleboro. Benjamin Perkins, who was residing in Oakham in 1790, and Leavitt Perkins, were probably his sons.

His estate was settled in 1781. James Dean, Joseph Chad-dock and William Bothwell took inventory. Hepzibah, his widow, was administratrix. His small farm of thirty-seven acres was valued at £97 10s.

Oakham T. R., i, 215. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxii, 488. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1781. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 265, 266. May-flower Descendant, xiv, 184. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 127. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230.

### George Perkins.

George Perkins was a British soldier who had served in the 33d Regiment under General Burgoyne, and was taken prisoner at Saratoga in October, 1777. He had either escaped or obtained a pass to go at large from the prison barracks in Rutland, together with William O'Brien, a member of the 9th Regiment, and, in the fall of 1778, the two men came to Oakham, where they found employment as nail-makers with Thomas Mann. They were received as citizens and married. George Walls, probably a Hessian, who had also escaped or been paroled from Rutland, joined them later. The people of Oakham were glad to get skilled workmen and encouraged them, and others like them, to remain in town. At a meeting of the citizens on July 13, 1779, the following resolution was passed:

"Voted as the mind of the people at this adjournment that the assessors should strike out the last of the rates now in Mr. Green's and Mr. Brown's hand, the rates for the polls of George Walls and George Perkins, two [British] regulars."

On October 12, 1779, the Council at Boston, on the ground that the privileges allowed the prisoners were "big with mischief," gave a general order that all escaped or paroled prisoners should be returned to the Commissary of Prisoners. Perkins and O'Brien petitioned:

"That the said O'Brien & Perkins Deserted from sd Convention Troops about fourteen months since with a full design to become inhabitants of this Country & not to return to the British Troops any more, and have

ever since laboured with the good People of this State in a peacable manner in the usefull Business of nail making, having each of us been Rated & paid Taxes the year past—And that your humble Petitioners are very Desirous of being true and loyal Subjects of this State, of taking the Oath of Allegiance & fidelity, & of paying & doing our part for the support of the war & all other Taxes—Therefore pray Your Hon<sup>s</sup> to grant us the favours as above, and such protection as you Shall see meet, and that we may not be taken up or sent to the British troops to be punished for Appearing in the Cause of American Liberty, and as in Duty bound ask leave to pray.”

The Selectmen and Assessors of Oakham, and Thomas Mann, certified to the sincerity and industry of Perkins and O'Brien, and on December 20, 1779, the House of Representatives resolved:

“That the said George Perkins & William O'Brien, who have produced Certificates from the Select men of the Town where they reside, that they appear attach<sup>d</sup> to the Government of this state and bid fair to be usefull members of society, have liberty to reside in this State during the Courts pleasure.”

George Walls was probably included in the general order of December 21, 1779, welcoming to American citizenship, without formal action by the Legislature in individual cases, any person or persons who made a part of the German Troops of Burgoyne.

All three men later enlisted, in 1781, for a term of three years in the Continental Army under Resolve of December 2, 1780, Perkins and Walls from Oakham, and O'Brien from Paxton. Perkins enlisted January 20; age 22, stature 5 feet 11, complexion light, occupation blacksmith. He received from the town of Oakham a bounty of three hundred silver dollars, was assigned to Capt. Elnathan Haskell's Co., Col. William Shepard's Regt., was at York Hutts in December, 1781, and at Verplanck's Point in January, 1782.

Oakham T. R., i, 215, 239, 262. M. S. R., xi, 918 (7) [Parkins], xii, 143 (4) [Perkens], 153 (12), 800 (2) [Prkins]. Acts and Resolves, Prov. of Mass. Bay, v, 840-843. See William O'Brien, p. 117; George Walls, p. 146.

## Leavitt Perkins.

Enlisted in the Continental Army in 1780 for six months, and according to the Resolve of December 2, 1780, reënlisted for the town of Oakham April 3, 1781, for three years; age 17, stature 5 feet 5, complexion light, occupation farmer.

Oakham T. R., i, 251, 263. M. S. R., xi, 919 (3) [Parkins], xii, 163 (7), 441 (10) [Pirkones], 850 (9) [Lovat Purkins].

## Zephaniah Perkins.

Born in Bridgewater in 1742, son of David and Alice (Leach) Perkins, and grandson of David Perkins who came from Beverly and settled in Bridgewater before 1688, and who was the first Representative of Bridgewater in the General Court in Boston after the union of the two colonies in 1692. John Perkins, whose name appears on the Oakham Town Records, April 10, 1780, was probably his brother.

He enlisted May 16, 1775, for service of eight months at Roxbury, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt. He evidently reënlisted in the early part of 1776, as he was in camp at Dorchester February 15, 1776. March 11, 1777, he engaged for three years in the Continental Army, in Capt. Reed's Co., Col. Alden's Regt. He was killed September 15, 1777.

February 25, 1766, he married Mary Ford of Pembroke, probably the daughter of John and Mary (Cushing) Ford, who was baptized April 18, 1742. In December, 1777, his widow, Mary Perkins, was appointed administratrix of his estate, which consisted of a few acres of land and small buildings lying in Oakham, valued at £23. April 8, 1778, she was the wife of Capt. John Crawford, but the exact date of marriage is not recorded.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 178, 239. M. S. R., xi, 919 (8) [Parkins], xii, 144 (5) [Perkens], 174 (6). Pembroke V. R., 89, 275 [Foord]. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Dec., 1777, Apr. 8, 1778. *Spy*, Jan. 1, 1778. Recollections of Mrs. Hannah Woolley. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 265. Mayflower Descendant, ii, 146, xiv, 47. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 129 [Mary Foard of Easton]. See John Crawford, p. 71.



## Elisha Pike.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham April 9, 1777, for three years in the Continental Army, and was in Capt. Daniel Shay's Co., Col. Rufus Putnam's Regt. He was in the service till April 2, 1780. His residence is given as Oakham and Hardwick, and it is uncertain to which town he was credited.

M. S. R., xii, 397 (1).

## Asa Pope.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, August 18, 1781, in Capt. Joseph Elliot's Co., Col. William Turner's Regt., and served three months and fourteen days at Rhode Island.

M. S. R., xii, 564 (9).

## Ebenezer Rice.

Marched with the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.

M. S. R., xiii, 150 (9).

## George Rich.

Enlisted September 1, 1777, with his father, Jonas Rich, as Private in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged January 4, 1778.

He and his brother Jonas, by the will of their grandfather, John Rich, of Brookfield, were to inherit, after the death of their father and mother, thirty acres of the farm on which their father was living in 1767.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., xiii, 192 (3). Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 15.

## Jonas Rich.

Marched with Capt. Crawford July 23, 1777, on the Rhode Island alarm, and enlisted September 1, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged January 4, 1778. Under the Resolve of January 5, 1780, he enlisted for six months in the Continental Army, and marched to camp July 12, 1780. Agreeable to the Resolve of December 2, 1780, he reenlisted January 1, 1781, in the Continental Army for three years in an artillery regiment; age 36, stature 5 feet 10, complexion light, occupation farmer; reported rheumatic and unfit for duty.

Jonas Rich came from Brookfield and lived on a farm of sixty acres, west of James Bell. The easterly half of this farm he purchased from his brother, John Rich, September 9, 1767, for £30. This he sold September 23, 1767, to William Smith of Barre for £10. This was probably the place where Samuel Tucker was living in 1850.

He was married in 1760 to Elizabeth Trask, and had two sons, Jonas and George.

Jonas Rich (probably the son) was living in Oakham in 1790.

Oakham T. R. i. 187, 188, 251, 262. M. S. R., xiii, 193 (6), 354 (9) [Ritch]. Brookfield V. R., 397. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Worcester. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 15, 16.

## John Robinson, 2d.

John Robinson, grandson of William Robinson of Watertown, was born in Newton in 1722. He was married to Lydia Warren of Waltham, September 20, 1753, in Sudbury, and died in Newton in 1770. Their son, John, 2d, born in Newton, April 23, 1760, came to Oakham in 1790 and bought the place on which he and his descendants have lived for one hundred and twenty-five years.

Lydia Warren was baptized in Watertown, November 24, 1728, and died in Oakham, September 10, 1798, aged seventy-one years. She was daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Harris) Warren, and a descendant, through Caleb Church, of Richard Warren who came to America in the *Mayflower*, and landed at Plymouth, December 20, 1620. His name is twelfth on the list of signatures to the Compact signed in the cabin of the *Mayflower*.

He enlisted in the Continental Army for six months, agreeable to the Resolve of January 5, 1780; age 21, stature 5 feet 11, complexion light. Engaged for the town of Northboro. Marched from Northboro July 2, 1780, discharged December 6, 1780, service five months and fifteen days, two hundred miles travel.

October 6, 1778, in Northboro, he was married to Susannah, daughter of Thaddeus and Thankful Fay. Children, first five born in Northboro: William, December 7, 1779; Peter, November 18, 1781, married Mary Bullard in 1811; Catherine, May 19, 1784; Thaddeus, October 8, 1786; Sally, May 1, 1789, married Isaac Stone, 3d, February 27, 1815; Polly, November 8, 1791; Betsy, October 7, 1795, married Zadoc Preshoe May 5, 1817; Susannah, August 29, 1797, married Otis Stone June 9, 1818; John, 3d, generally known as Colonel John Robinson, February 18, 1800, married Susan Stone December 2, 1824; Lurana, October 29, 1802, married James C. Fairbank June 9, 1825; Abraham Fay, October 3, 1805; Jeremiah, October 5, 1808, married Julia M. Boyden of Brookfield in 1832.

John Robinson, 2d, died in Oakham September 8, 1818.

M. S. R., xiii, 453 (8). John Robinson's Account Book, in possession of Miss Susan F. Fairbank of Oakham. Oakham V. R., 44, 45, 96, 97, 129. Newton V. R., 167. Sudbury V. R., 262. Letter of Mrs. Walter North of Buffalo, N. Y. Northboro Town Clerk's Records.

### Thomas Ruggles.

Son of Benjamin and Alice (Merrick) Ruggles of Hardwick, was baptized June 24, 1750.

He served for the town of Hardwick as a minuteman in Capt. Simeon Hazeltine's Co., on the Lexington alarm in 1775, and reënlisted later in Capt. Samuel Dexter's Co., Col. Learned's Regt., at Roxbury. On the Bennington alarm in August, 1777, he was Corporal in Capt. Timothy Paige's Co., Col. James Converse's Regt.

July 19, 1778, he married Hannah, daughter of Thomas Winslow. Thomas Ruggles was a shoemaker by trade and

removed to Oakham not later than May 17, 1798. Children, the first three born at Hardwick, and the last four at Oakham: Miriam, October 23, 1778, married Ebenezer Foster, Jr., of Oakham, June 8, 1806; Willard, September 4, 1780, married Susannah Packard of Oakham in 1806, died at Oakham July 3, 1809; Charlotte, October 3, 1782, died at Oakham March 28, 1824; Arathusa, married Richard Howe of Poultney, Vt.; Rhoda, 1787, died June 21, 1809, at Oakham; Philena, August, 1790, married Benjamin Rice, Jr., of Barre, December 15, 1814, died September 16, 1837; Joshua, December 1, 1792, married Olive Holton, died September 3, 1852; Reuel, March 27, 1796, died December 13, 1873; Hannah, May 17, 1798, married Samuel Warner Smith of Barre in 1822, died January 6, 1857; Thomas, Jr., December 14, 1800; Harriet, January 24, 1803, married Richard Howe, died in October, 1861; Seraph Howe, born February 23, 1806, married Norman B. Thompson, August 16, 1827.

Thomas Ruggles and his wife Hannah both died in Oakham, the former on May 12 [or 21], 1808, the latter on March 3, 1832.

M. S. R., xiii, 655 (3). Oakham V. R., 45 [Ruggals], 97 [Rugals], 129 [Ruggals, Rugles]. *Paige*, Hist. of Hardwick, 483, 485-486 [Jan. 24=June 25. March 3=28].

### David Shaw.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham in Capt. Joseph Richardson's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's Regt., raised for service at Claverack-on-the-Hudson in 1779.

Oakham T. R., i, 242. M. S. R., xiv, 42 (5).

### James Shaw.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham July 5, 1780, in Capt. Timothy Paige's Co., Col. John Rand's Regt., for three months' service at West Point; discharged October 10, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 252. M. S. R., xiv, 51 (3).

## James Shaw, Jr.

Engaged for nine months in the Continental Army for the town of Oakham, and was mustered in, July 7, 1779; age 19, stature 5 feet 6, complexion dark. July 10 he joined Capt. Wadsworth's Co., Col. Bradford's Regt. He was discharged April 9, 1780, and reënlisted July 5, 1780, in Capt. Timothy Paige's Co., Col. John Rand's Regt., for three months' service at West Point.

Oakham T. R., i, 242, 252. M. S. R., xiv, 50 (11), 51 (4).

## Timothy Shaw.

Private in Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., Col. Dike's Regt., for service at Dorchester, ending December 1, 1776. May 5, 1777, he enlisted for a term of two months at Rhode Island, in Capt. Hodges's Co., Col. Whitney's Regt. He was also detailed by Capt. Crawford, in place of Thomas White, for service in Col. Gerrish's regiment of guards which escorted the troops of the Saratoga Convention from Rutland to Enfield, Conn., in 1778.

This is probably the Timothy Shaw who was born in New Braintree September 1, 1758, son of Andrew and Anna Shaw, and married Silva Howard September 30, 1784.

Oakham T. R., i, 165, 187, 214. M. S. R., xiv, 71 (9). New Braintree V. R., 44, 112.

## William Smith.

Served four months for the town of Barre in Capt. Ezekiel Knowlton's Co., at Boston in 1776. He has credit on the Oakham town records for three months' service in New York in 1776; and in 1779, for nine months at West Point, in the Continental Army.

William Smith came from Barre. September 23, 1767, he bought for £10 one-half of the farm in Oakham on which Jonas

Rich was then living. In 1780 he was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety.

He married Rebecca Parmenter in 1766, being then a resident of Barre. Children, all born in Oakham: Anna, May 28, 1767; Elisabeth, September 3, 1769; Aaron, February 2, 1772; Joab, September 9, 1774; John, August 14, 1776; James, February 23, 1780; Farrington, October 27, 1782; Ephraim, December 16, 1784; Rebecka, September 7, 1787.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 242. M. S. R., xiv, 578 (6). Oakham V. R., 46, 99. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 16.

### Asa Snell.

Enlisted June 5, 1775, from Oakham, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., and was entitled to a bounty coat at Dorchester, November 27, 1775. From April, 1777, to June, 1783, he served in the Continental Army. On January 10, 1781, a descriptive list was taken: age 25, stature 5 feet 6, complexion light, hair light. His residence when a Continental soldier was given as Barre, Hubbardston, and Rutland. In his application for a pension he wrote: "Served in Army during whole of war. Was in the battles of Breeds Hill, Monmouth, Jamestown, Brandywine, and at the capture of Cornwallis."

June 24, 1774, he and David Wheaton purchased together fifty acres of land in Barre, lying in Great Farm No. 6, near the Princeton line. In 1818 he was living in Sutton, Mass., and was sixty-three years of age.

M. S. R., xiv, 588 (7), 589 (2), 598 (5) [Snill]. Pension Application, Apr. 14, 1818. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxvii, 152.

### Benjamin Spooner.

Was born in Dartmouth, Mass., in 1737, and removed to Oakham later than his brother Eleazer.

He marched with the detachment from the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777.



His wife's name was Mehitabel. He died in Oakham in 1820.

Oakham T. R., i, 187. M. S. R., xiv, 734 (14). Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Letter of Mrs. Julius W. Brown of Springfield.

### Eleazer Spooner.

Baptized November 15, 1734, in Dartmouth, Mass., a descendant in the fifth generation of William Spooner, who was in Plymouth in 1637.

He has credit on the town records for the Bennington campaign in August, 1777, and for six weeks' service in Rhode Island in 1778.

Eleazer Spooner came to Oakham in 1776, and purchased of Jesse Allen, for £383 6s. 8d., a tract of land with the buildings thereon, containing about one hundred and fifty-five acres, on which he lived till his death.

He married Mehitabel Allen, born October 22, 1740, daughter of Andrew and Abiah Allen. They had nine children, the last four born in Oakham, the others in Dartmouth: Moses, November 30, 1765; Prince, December 15, 1768; Eleanor, 1770; Benjamin, September 16, 1772; Polly, September 27, 1774; Ruby, 1777; Lois, 1779; Andrew, May 18, 1781; Mehitabel, 1783.

His brother Benjamin was in the Revolution, and three grandsons, Andrew, Albert and Edwin C., sons of Deacon Andrew Spooner, were in the Civil War.

Moses Spooner was married to Susanna Conant October 24, 1790. Among his children born in Oakham were: Lucius, April 4, 1791; Elijah Blackman, June 27, 1792; Eleazer, 2d, June 28, 1794, father of Pardon, Joseph and Luther; Albert, August 20, 1796, a student at Dartmouth College, and a lawyer in New York City; Moses, February 8, 1804; Caleb, February 23, 1806.

Eleazer Spooner died in Oakham in March, 1813. His widow died October 2, 1821.

Oakham T. R., i, 188, 214. Oakham V. R., 46, 47. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. *Spy*, Oct. 17, 1821. Letter of Mrs. Brown (see above).

### Richard Sternes.

Was credited to the town of Oakham for service in the artillery in the Continental Army, in Capt. Buckland's Co., Col. Crane's Regt., during the years 1777-1779.

M. S. R., xiv, 931 (2).

### William Stevenson.

Private in Capt. Crawford's company of minutemen which marched on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, and in the Oakham detachment on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777. He served also in a campaign to Boston, beginning April 1, 1778, and was stationed at Winter Hill.

In 1791 he owned a house on East Hill, south of the Goodale farm, probably the Drury place. In 1768 he was married to Mary, daughter of George and Katherine Harper.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 189. M. S. R., xiv, 923 (8) [Stephens], 927 (13) [Stephenson], 990 (5). Oakham V. R., 100. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxiii, 500.

### The Stone Family.

Isaac Stone was born in Lexington, Mass., in 1731. In 1751 he removed from Lexington to Rutland, where he built the west part of the tavern and kept an inn for several years. In 1765 he removed from Rutland to Oakham, and on September 16 of that year purchased from Thomas Hubbard of Boston for £75 one hundred and seventy-five acres, one-half of Lot No. 12, now known as the Austin Adams farm. This deed, recorded October 21, 1765, was the first deed recorded of property said to be in Oakham instead of in Rutland West Wing. To this he added, on March 25, 1766, 128 acres in Lot No. 22, by purchase from John Murray.

Isaac Stone was one of the most prominent citizens of Oakham during the next thirty years. His name first appears

on the town records March 4, 1766, when he was chosen Moderator, Town Clerk, Selectman, and Assessor. He served the town nine times as Moderator, thirteen times as Assessor, seven times as Town Clerk, and six times as Selectman. He was chosen unanimously to represent the town in the Provincial Congress at Cambridge in 1775, and was a prominent member of that body. Mr. Stone was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775, 1776 and 1777, and has credit on the town records for the Bennington alarm.

September 8, 1748 he was married to Martha Munroe of Weston, and had nine children: Abner, born in Lexington, December 11, 1748, O. S.; Pattee, born in Rutland, March 12, 1751, O. S., married Rev. John Strickland, the first minister of the church in Oakham, October 29, 1767; Isaac, 2d, born in Rutland, June 2, 1753, O. S.; Abigail, born in Rutland, May 20, 1755, married Heman Bassett in 1776; Alpheus, born in Rutland June 6, 1757; Luke, born in Rutland April 11, 1763, died June 25, 1763; Frederick Munroe, born in Rutland February 6, 1765, married Pattie, daughter of Jonathan Bullard in 1784; Electa, born in Oakham December 16, 1766; Lucretia, born in Oakham November 22, 1772, married Henry Kelley May 23, 1793.

Mr. Stone died in Oakham December 3, 1794, aged sixty-three years.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. Oakham V. R., 47, 48, 82, 100, 130, 131. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Lexington V. R., 152. *Reed*, Hist. of Rutland, 148. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liii, 178, lxxxiii, 295. Records, Worc. Co. Court of Sessions, 1758 on.

### Alpheus Stone.

Born in Rutland, June 6, 1757, the son of Isaac and Martha (Munroe) Stone and brother of Isaac Stone, 2d.

He armed himself at his own expense and enlisted March 11, 1777, in the Continental Army for three years, in Col. Nixon's 6th Mass. Regt., which served in the Northern Depart-

ment. He was in Capt. Toogood's company, and later in the company of Capt. Heywood. Like his brother, he was not absent, except on furlough, between August 15, 1777, and February 16, 1779. In his application for pension dated April 22, 1818, he wrote:

"Served most of his time in the State of New York, was in skirmish at Danbury when our stores were burned by enemy, was in escort of Gen. Lincoln from Ticonderoga in 1777, in skirmish at Kingsbury with Indians at same time, was in whole siege, features and hardships at taking of Burgoyne's army."

He was discharged at Soldier's Fortune, N. Y., March 11, 1780, by Major Heywood.

Alpheus Stone was Town Clerk of Oakham in 1788, and Selectman in 1789, 1790 and 1799. In 1786 he subscribed £2 toward the building of a house for Father Tomlinson.

He was married in 1781 to Lucretia Nye, daughter of Ebenezer Nye, and lived on the farm afterwards owned by Dr. Charles Adams and now by Wallace Grimes. Children, born in Oakham: Betsy, February 18, 1782, married Ezekiel Goodale of Hallowell, Maine, in 1804; Polly, December 29, 1784; Lucy, January 21, 1786, married (1) Benjamin Waterman in 1805, (2) Peres Fobes, June 2, 1831; Lucretia, February 18, 1788, married Knight Whittemore; Allis, March 30, 1790, married Peres Fobes in 1808; Harriot, September 5, 1792, married Jesse Fitts, March 19, 1816; Otis, October 9, 1795, married Susan Robinson June 9, 1818; Adaline Augusta, October 26, 1798, married John Hammond, June 29, 1818; Louisa, July 28, 1801, married Joel Brimhall in 1822; Susan Maria, April 28, 1804, married Col. John Robinson, 3d, December 2, 1824, and, after Col. Robinson's death, married John Hammond, December 31, 1846.

Alpheus Stone died in Oakham, March 31, 1829, aged seventy-two years.

Oakham T. R., i, 171. M. S. R., xv, 83 (4). Oakham V. R., 47, 48, 97, 100, 101, 104, 130. Pension Application, Apr. 22, 1818. Subscription Paper for Mr. Tomlinson, May 3, 1786 (MS.).

## Isaac Stone, 2d.

Born in Rutland, June 2, 1753, O. S., the son of Isaac and Martha (Munroe) Stone.

Isaac Stone, 2d, was one of the minutemen who marched with Capt. Crawford on April 19, 1775. Nine days later, April 27, he enlisted for eight months in the 5th Co. of the 8th Mass. Regt., commanded by Col. John Fellows and stationed at Roxbury. On March 11, 1777, he enlisted for three years' service in the Continental Army, in Col. Nixon's 6th Mass. Regt., and was made Sergeant. The regiment served in the Northern Department under General Gates and his successors. He was not absent from the service between August 15, 1777, and February 16, 1779, except on furlough, and was in the engagement at Danbury, Conn., and at the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. He was discharged March 11, 1780.

He was married in 1782 to Hannah, daughter of Jonathan Bullard, and lived on the New Braintree road one mile west of the Oakham meeting house, on what is now known as the Butler farm. He had eight children, born in Oakham: Hannah, July 23, 1783, married Seth Goodspeed in 1804; Achsah, January 25, 1785, married William Broad in 1803; Salva, October 11, 1787; John, August 15, 1789, died March 1, 1790; Claracy, March 9, 1791, died July 30, 1793; Samuel, April 5, 1793, died April 10, 1793; Isaac, 3d, June 19, 1794; Sukey, August 16, 1797, married James Conant, December 24, 1816.

His son Isaac, 3d, married February 27, 1815, Sally, daughter of John, 2d, and Susannah Robinson. They had two children. The eldest, Washington, was the father of George W. and John E. Stone, soldiers in the Civil War.

Isaac Stone, 2d, the Revolutionary soldier, died November 25, 1828, aged seventy-five years.

Oakham T. R., i, 165, 171. M. S. R., xv, 96 (2), (3). Oakham V. R., 47, 48, 100, 101, 130, 131. Pension Application, Apr. 22, 1818.

### Samuel Stone.

Samuel Stone enlisted for a term of two months at Dorchester in 1776. He served as Corporal on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and enlisted again August 1, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., for a six months' campaign in Providence.

His wife's name was Prudence. Children, born in Oakham: Samuel, December 13, 1772; Daniel, June 19, 1774; Benjamin, February 27, 1776; Mary, June 20, 1778. He was chosen "Quorister" at a church meeting in Oakham held October 26, 1775.

A Samuel Stone was living in Oakham in 1790.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188. M. S. R., xv, 118 (4), 119 (7). Oakham V. R., 47, 48. Rutland V. R., 95, 197. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230.

### James Swinerton.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, May 1, 1775, in Capt. John Grainger's Co., Col. Ebenezer Learned's Regt., for a term of eight months in the siege of Boston.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., xv, 321 (15).

### Thomas Taylor.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham for the term of three years in the Continental Army at Brookfield, September 15, 1777, residence Oakham. He joined Capt. Reed's Co., Col. Alden's Regt.

M. S. R., xv, 458 (3).

### Amos Temple.

Enlisted May 28, 1775, for the town of Oakham, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for a term of eight months



in the siege of Boston, and received a bounty coat November 27, 1775, at Dorchester.

M. S. R., xv, 473 (4) [Tempil. Oakham = Fulham], (14).

### Joseph F. Thompson.

Enlisted in response to the Resolve of June 5, 1780, in the Continental Army for six months, passed muster, and was put in Capt. Joseph Bates's Co., Lieut. Col. John Brooks's (7th) Regt. He received £18 bounty from the town of Oakham.

Oakham T. R., i, 251. M. S. R., xv, 648 (4).

### Joshua Turner.

Born in 1757, son of Joseph and Mercy (French) Turner. At the age of six years he was given by his mother to her brother, Lieut. Asa French, to bring up till he was twenty-one years of age.

He enlisted May 2, 1775, in Capt. Hazeltine's Co., Col. Fellows' Regt., for a term of eight months in the siege of Boston. In December of the same year he reënlisted in Capt. Barnes' Co., Col. Ward's Regt., for a term of one month. He marched with Capt. Crawford on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777. August 8, 1777, he enlisted in the Continental Army for three years, residence Oakham, and was placed in Capt. Hastings' Co. of the 16th Mass. Regt., commanded by Col. Henry Jackson, and was in the battle of Saratoga. April 30, 1780, he was in camp near Morristown, in a regiment under Col. Henry Jackson, made up of Massachusetts men from three decimated regiments, by an arrangement of April 9, 1779. He was discharged August 8, 1780, at Verplanck's Point, on the east side of North River.

Joshua Turner died December 21, 1820, at Hadley, N. Y., aged sixty-three years.

Oakham T. R., i, 165. M. S. R., xv, 854 (9) [Torner], xvi, 177 (3). Pension Application, Apr. 18, 1818. Statement of Lieut. Asa French, in *Addenda*. *Bailey*, Early Mass. Marriages, ii, 81.

## James Upham.

Born in Spencer, October 26, 1760, son of Jacob and Zerviah (Smith) Upham.

He enlisted for the town of Oakham, August 15, 1777, in Capt. Earll's Co., Col. Keyes's Regt., and served four months and twenty days in Rhode Island. He served also for the town of Spencer in a campaign at Boston in 1776 and 1777, and in the Continental Army in 1779 and 1780. A descriptive list was taken July 7, 1780; age 19, stature 5 feet 9, complexion dark.

M. S. R., xvi, 262 (2), (3), (4). Spencer V. R., 107. *Draper*, Hist. of Spencer, 258.

## Marshall Walker.

Served from March 30 to July 2, 1778, guarding troops of the Saratoga Convention at the barracks in Rutland. He was also in Capt. Daniel Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., from August 2 to September 13, 1778, under General Sullivan in Rhode Island.

Oakham T. R., i, 214. M. S. R., xvi, 467 (6).

## George Walls.

George Walls was a soldier in the British Army, probably a Hessian, who was taken prisoner at Saratoga. He had either escaped or been paroled from the prison barracks at Rutland and, before July 13, 1779, he had found employment on a farm in Oakham. On that date his tax-rate was remitted by vote of the town on the ground of his being a British Regular. On October 12, 1779, the Council at Boston ordered all escaped or paroled prisoners to be returned to the Commissary of Prisoners and individual cases of British soldiers were brought before the House of Representatives for consideration. George Perkins and William O'Brien of Oakham were granted leave to remain

in town by vote of December 20, 1779. On the same day a general order was issued:

"That as divers German Troops have been impressed into the Service of the Brittish King and sent into this Country Contrary to their Inclination and in Violation of the rights of humanity to Carry on this unnatural Warr against these states, and as Every Nation has a right to weaken the Armies of the power with which it is at warr—A. it is therefore further Resolved that any person or persons who made a part of the German Troops, in the pay & Service of the brittish King employ<sup>d</sup> in the American War, under the Command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Burgoyne or others, & who have left the Service of the said King and has resided within this state for the space of three months, by producing a Certificate from the Select men of the Town or Towns, within this state where they have so resided and have taken the Oath of Allegiance & Fidelity as afores<sup>d</sup> shall not be carried without said state, taken up or imprisoned, within it under pretence of their being prisoners of war unless the Council of said state from such persons Character & Conduct shall see fit to order it, or by general order of the General Court—B. Sent up for Concurrence."

The Council on December 21 amended the bill so as to require a certificate from the Selectmen of the town and an oath of fidelity and allegiance before some one Justice of the Peace within the State to be designated after the bill had passed both Houses. The bill became a law the same day. George Walls undoubtedly availed himself of this opportunity. Fifteen months later, on March 26, 1781, under Resolve of December 2, 1780, he enlisted in the Continental Army for the town of Oakham for three years; age 24, stature 5 feet 7, complexion light, occupation farmer.

Oakham T. R., i, 215, 239, 263 [The Deficient Man]. M. S. R., xvi, 496 (9) [Waller], 510 (3) [Wallow]. Acts and Resolves, Prov. of Mass. Bay, v, 840-843. See William O'Brien, p. 117; George Perkins, p. 130.

### Kerly Ward.

Enlisted from Oakham May 10, 1775, in Capt. Seth Washburn's Co., Col. Jonathan Ward's Regt., and was made Corporal. He was wounded in the battle of Bunker Hill, June 19, 1775, and his name does not again appear on the muster rolls.

He came from Paxton and was married in Brookfield to Katie Graham, of Spencer, September 28, 1773. His son Samuel was baptized in Spencer August 7, 1785, there being no minister over the Oakham church at this time.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., xvi, 538 (7). Brookfield V. R., 430. Spencer V. R., 108. *Draper*, Hist. of Spencer, 198.

### Ezra Washburn.

Marched on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.

In 1773 he purchased ten acres for £12, and lived on the county road from Rutland to Brookfield, near where the South school-house now stands. He was living in Oakham March 30, 1782, when he sold the "Washburn orchard" to John Bothwell, but removed soon after to Stafford, Conn.

Oakham T. R., i, 188. M. S. R., xvi, 653 (9) [Washborn]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxxii, 487, xcii, 435. U. S. Census (1790), Conn., 137 [Washbourn].

### Lebbeus Washburn.

Enlisted for the town of Oakham, May 27, 1775, as a Private in Capt. John Packard's Co., Col. David Brewer's (9th) Regt., for a term of eight months at Roxbury, and received money in place of a bounty coat, December 27, 1775.

Oakham T. R., i, 168. M. S. R., xvi, 654 (8) [Washborn], 655 (13) [Washbun], 669 (5).

### William Washburn.

Marched with a detachment from the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777. He enlisted September 7, 1777, in Capt. Crawford's company raised in Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree, for the Stillwater campaign, and was in the battles that resulted in the surrender of General Burgoyne. July 5, 1780, he was engaged for three months in Capt. Timothy Paige's

Co., Col. John Rand's Regt., for service at West Point, and was made Corporal. He was discharged October 10, 1780.

William Washburn, of Stafford, was married to Lucretia Darling, of Oakham, October 9, 1783.

Oakham T. R., i, 187, 188, 252. M. S. R., xvi, 675 (7), xvii, 909 (12) [Woshburn]. Oakham V. R., 104.

### Perez Waterman.

Born in Bridgewater in 1738, son of Perez Waterman who died in Bridgewater in 1793, aged ninety years.

He marched as First Sergeant with the minutemen from Bridgewater in Capt. Nathan Mitchell's company, in response to the alarm of April 19, 1775, and was in the service eleven days. May 1, 1775, he reënlisted in Capt. James Allen's Co., Col. John Bailey's Regt., which was in camp near Boston. On July 10, 1780, he was appointed Lieutenant and served three months and twenty-two days in Rhode Island. The regiment was detached from the militia to reinforce the Continental Army for three months.

Mr. Waterman came to Oakham not long before 1798, when he is called in deeds "Perez Waterman of Bridgewater, Gentleman." He purchased in 1798 of William Bothwell, for \$2,900, three pieces of land: one hundred and fourteen acres lying west of the county road leading from Rutland to Brookfield; forty-two acres, "buildings included," east of the county road from Rutland to Brookfield, and north of the county road from New Braintree to Worcester, and extending to the river; and eight and one-half acres on the east side of the town road. These pieces of land constituted the Waterman farm, the greater part of which is now owned by Walter M. Robinson. A cellar-hole near the Wolf Meadow Dam, not far from the foot of the hill still known as Waterman Hill, is believed to mark the site of the original Waterman house. But Benjamin Waterman, and perhaps his father, lived in a house which was destroyed by fire in February, 1840, situated where Mr. Robinson's house now stands.

Lieut. Waterman was prominent in town affairs, and represented the town in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1806. On July 20, 1817, he was admitted to the Oakham Congregational Church. He died December 13, 1820, at the age of eighty-two years. The *Worcester Spy* of January 24, 1821, said of him: "He was a soldier in the old French war, an officer in the Revolutionary War, a worthy citizen, a professed disciple of Christ, and died supported by the Christian's hope." His widow, Abigail Waterman, was baptized and admitted to the church January 13, 1822.

Their children, the first six born in Bridgewater, were: Stephen, July 22, 1766, who led a seafaring life; Calvin, June 2, 1768, married Salome Allen in 1793; Ruth, April 7, 1770, married Nathan Hall of Bridgewater in 1790; Bethiah, May 15, 1772, married Moses Starbuck of Nantucket, January 13, 1801; Lydia, June 13, 1774, who was admitted to the Oakham Church on October 14, 1821; Barnabas, September 23, 1776, married Sally Thatcher of Wareham; Abigail, who married Perez Waterman Bartlett of Montague, February 10, 1808; Lucy, who married Samuel Kingsley, October 27, 1818; and Benjamin, who married Lucy, daughter of Alphaeus Stone in 1805, and died October 13, 1817 at St. Mary's, Ga. All of the nine children of Perez Waterman were living in 1820 excepting Ruth and Benjamin.

M. S. R., xvi, 689 (6). Oakham V. R., 100, 104, 132. Oakham Church Records, i, 13, 18. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 170 [Nathan Hall], 333 [The statement that Perez Waterman married a second wife, Ruth Nye of Sandwich, in 1784, is incorrect unless he married a third wife of the same name as his first. His wife, Abigail, is mentioned in his will dated 1820, and she joined the Oakham Church at an advanced age in 1822], *Spy*, Jan. 24, 1821 [Dec. 13=Dec. 18]. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxxxvii, 51, 52. Letter of Mr. Walter M. Robinson of Oakham. South Cemetery Record Book (MS.). Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Jan. 10, 1821. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. N. E. Hist. & Gen. Reg., xxxix (1885), 90. Bridgewater Town Clerk's Records.



## Nathaniel Weeks.

Born in Hardwick, October 8, 1744, eldest son of Thomas and Katherine (Clark) Weeks, who were married April 3, 1743.

He has credit on the town records for a term of five months in New York in 1776. He marched August 20, 1777, on the Bennington alarm, and served as guard at Cambridge, beginning July 2, 1778.

Nathaniel Weeks came from "Way (Ware) River, County of Springfield." In 1773 he purchased, for £44, thirty-two acres in Lot No. 31, near the middle of the lot.

He married Mercie Richmond, February 16, 1769. Children: Thomas, married Ruth Willis in 1798; Lucy, married James White, son of Thomas and Sarah White, in 1788; Susanna, married Elijah Freeman, December 29, 1799; Nancy, married Allen Ripley, of Wilton, N. H., in 1811; Martin, married Hannah Foster, of New Braintree, in 1818, died of apoplexy December 27, 1841, aged fifty-nine years.

The granddaughter of Nathaniel Weeks, Susanna Freeman, born March 27, 1810, became the wife of Benjamin Labaree, President of Middlebury (Vt.) College, on October 25, 1836.

Nathaniel Weeks died January 13, 1811. His will was filed February 13, 1811. His widow Mercie died in Oakham August 31, 1850, at the age of one hundred years.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 188. M. S. R., xvi, 795 (3). Oakham V. R., 27, 51, 104 [Week], 132. New Braintree V. R., 121. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Gravestone Record in Pine Grove Cemetery. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, Feb. 12, 1811. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. General Catalogue, Middlebury College (1890), 12. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xcv, 448. *Paige*, Hist. of Hardwick, 529. Plymouth Co. Marriages, 41.

## John Wheeler.

Engaged for the town of Oakham April 9, 1777, for three years in the Continental Army, in Capt. Daniel Shay's Co., Col. Rufus Putnam's Regt. He was appointed Sergeant and served

till April, 1780. It is uncertain whether he was credited to Oakham or Hardwick.

M. S. R., xvi, 975 (3).

### Nahum Whipple.

Born in New Braintree, November 18, 1760, son of Thomas and Martha Whipple.

He enlisted for the town of Oakham May 5, 1777, as Private in Capt. E. Hodges's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt., which was stationed at North Kingston in Rhode Island. He was discharged July 5, 1777, and received pay for two months and seven days, including travel home.

He was married April 11, 1782, to Lucinda Ashley. She died October 8, 1825, and he was again married to Mrs. Parmela Thompson, in April, 1826.

Nahum Whipple was living in Oakham in 1796, at the Dr. John Dean place, but later removed to New Braintree, where he died March 18, 1829, aged sixty-eight years.

M. S. R., xvii, 16 (2). New Braintree V. R., 55, 123, 160. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cv, 445, 446.

### Joshua Whitcomb.

Enlisted September 15, 1777, at Brookfield, for a term of three years in the Continental Army for the town of Oakham, and was assigned to Capt. Holden's Co., Col. Nixon's Regt.

He served also for the town of New Braintree at Ticonderoga in 1776, and on the Rhode Island and Bennington alarms, in 1777.

M. S. R., xvii, 33 (8), 34 (2).

### Thomas White.

Marched with Capt. Crawford on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777. He was Private in Capt. Joseph Cutler's com-

pany of volunteers raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham to reinforce the army under General Gates, which marched September 24, 1777, and was in service thirty-two days. October 19, 1779, he enlisted in Capt. Joseph Richardson's Co., Col. Samuel Denny's Regt., which was raised for three months' service at Claverack. He also has credit on the town records for four months' service in the siege at Boston and two months at Providence.

Thomas White came to Oakham from New Braintree and bought in 1762, from William Thomson, Jr., of Leicester, for £48, two hundred and forty acres in Lot No. 33, and two gussets, adjoining Lot No. 33, of forty acres and eighty acres respectively. A part of this land is at present included in the farm of C. P. McClanathan. He was six times Moderator, four times Selectman, and a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1775 and 1776. When in 1775 Oakham was given the right of representation in the Great and General Court, Thomas White was the first Representative sent by the town, serving in this office in 1775, 1776 and 1778.

November 26, 1761, he married Sarah Blair, of New Braintree. Children, born in Oakham: Mary, September 1, 1762; Elizabeth, October 3, 1764; James, December 4, 1766; David, July 15, 1770.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188, 189, 242. M. S. R., xvii, 137 (9), 138 (3), (11). Oakham V. R., 51. New Braintree V. R., 123. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, xliii, 349 [indexed as 1761 at Worcester].

### Ebenezer Whitman.

Born in Bridgewater in 1752, son of Zechariah and Eleanor (Bennett) Whitman, and descendant in the fifth generation of John Whitman of Weymouth.

He enlisted for the town of Oakham August 18, 1781, as a Private in Capt. Joseph Elliot's Co., Col. William Turner's Regt., for service in Rhode Island, from which he was discharged November 27, 1781.

In 1778 he purchased of George Slocum of Medway, for £550, "a small farm with all the buildings thereon," bounded on the north by the county road from Rutland to Hardwick, on the east by the town road that leads from the county road to the Foster corner. He lived here till 1787, when he sold this place to George Caswell and removed to what was afterwards known as the Whitman farm, in Lot No. 25, not far from the Samuel Crawford farm.

He was married, November 9, 1779, to Ruth Delano. A daughter, Sarah, was born in Oakham, October 12, 1780. A daughter, Ruth, married Seth Pratt, Jr., son of Capt. Seth Pratt, of Barre, May 24, 1819, and was living on the Whitman farm in 1857.

Ebenezer Whitman died in 1788. His widow, Ruth Whitman, married John Hooper, December 9, 1790.

Oakham T. R., i, 276, 285, 294, ii, 9. M. S. R., xvii, 199 (12) [Whitmond]. Oakham V. R., 51, 105. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. *Mitchell*, Hist. of Bridgewater, 336, 338. Note of Dea. Jesse Allen. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lxxx, 384, cv, 571. *Farnam*, John Whitman of Weymouth, Mass., 50, 115, 116 [Spooner should be Hooper]. Letter of Mrs. Clarinda C. Hunt of Hyde Park, Mass. Baker's Map of Worcester Co.

### Shubael Wilder.

Engaged for the town of Oakham early in 1777, for three years in the Continental Army, and was in Capt. Daniel Shay's Co., Col. Rufus Putnam's Regt. He was Drum Major, and served till February 17, 1780. It is uncertain whether he was credited to Oakham or Hardwick.

M. S. R., xvii, 351 (5).

### Guile Willis.

Enlisted August 14, 1779, in Capt. Simeon Cobb's Co., Col. Samuel Fisher's Regt., for a term of one month in Rhode Island.

M. S. R., xvii, 505 (4).

### Alexander Wilson.

Served three months in New York in the last part of 1776, and was Sergeant in Capt. Joseph Cutler's company of volunteers raised in Western (now Warren) and Oakham, which marched September 24, 1777, to reinforce the army under General Gates and was in service thirty-two days.

He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a Congregational Church in Oakham, and was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety in 1778.

His wife's name was Huldah. They had a son, Jonathan, born in Oakham, January 28, 1769, and a daughter, Huldah, baptized June 11, 1775.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 189. M. S. R., xvii, 558 (4). Oakham V. R., 52 [Willson]. Rev. J. Dana's Notes. Oakham Church Records, i, 1.

### Robert Wilson.

Enlisted in the summer of 1776 for a term of three months in New York and served in Rhode Island from August 2, 1778, to September 13, 1778, in Capt. Daniel Gilbert's Co., Col. Josiah Whitney's Regt.

Robert Wilson came from Rutland and was a weaver by trade. He bought of Alexander Bothwell in 1765 eighty acres, with a house and barn standing thereon, in the southerly part of Lot No. 26. In 1767, one hundred and seventy-six acres in the northerly part of Lot No. 26, belonging to Robert Wilson, were sold to Asa Partridge of New Braintree for unpaid taxes. In 1770 he sold to Joseph Felton, for £37 16s. 8d., fifty-seven acres with the buildings standing thereon in Lot No. 25, which he had bought of James Craige, Jr. Robert Wilson was living in Oakham in 1790.

In 1779 he was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. John Crawford. They had five sons and eight daughters. Some time after 1790 he removed with his family to the westerly part of Vermont.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 214. M. S. R., xvii, 547 (4) [Willson]. U. S. Census (1790), Mass., 230. U. S. Census (1790), Vt., 58 [Elizabeth Willson]. Crawford Family of Oakham, 11. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, liii, 203, lvii, 257, lxxxi, 19.

### Ebenezer Woodis.

Enlisted for two months' service in the siege of Boston and was made Sergeant. February 15, 1776, he gave receipt for ammunition to Capt. Barnabas Sears at Dorchester. He marched with Capt. Crawford in the detachment of the Oakham company on the Rhode Island alarm, July 23, 1777, and on the Bennington alarm, August 20, 1777.

Ebenezer Woodis bought of James Craige, Jr., February 20, 1766, part of Lot No. 25. He was one of the signers of the petition of June 23, 1773, for the organization of a Congregational Church in Oakham. That he was much respected and trusted is shown by his election for three years on the Committee of Correspondence, Inspection and Safety. In 1786, administration papers were filed in settlement of Ebenezer Woodis's estate.

He married Dorothy Moore in Sudbury, September 16, 1762. Children, the first two born in Sudbury, the others in Oakham: Edward, September 8, 1763; Sarah, February 13, 1765; Ebenezer, Jr., May 10, 1767, married Elizabeth Woolcott, January 6, 1791; Persis, August 8, 1769; Keziah, September 5, 1771; Ruth, February 27, 1774; Reuben, March 22, 1776; Nathan, March 26, 1778; John, May 16, 1780.

Oakham T. R., i, 168, 187, 188. M. S. R., xvii, 825 (7) [Wooddis], 827 (8). Oakham V. R., 52, 107. Rev. D. Tomlinson's Notes. Sudbury V. R., 156 [Woodes], 290. Oakham Church Records, i, 1. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, lviii, 185. Worc. Co. Prob. Records, 1786.



# THE WAR OF 1812

The Company Book of the Washington Grenadiers contains the Action of the Council, with the approval of the Governor, dated October 11, 1813, authorizing the formation of a company of Grenadiers in the towns of Oakham and New Braintree; the Order of Major General Caleb Burbank for carrying the same into effect; the Enlistment with the signatures of the thirty-seven men who joined the company before September 10, 1814; the daily reports of guard duty at Boston; the history of the company till 1829; and the signatures of one hundred and forty-nine men who joined after November 7, 1814.

The Biographical Sketches of the members are based chiefly on Oakham Town and Vital Records, recollections of James Allen and Stephen Lincoln, and the writer's personal acquaintance with several other members of the company.

## THE WAR OF 1812.

The people of Massachusetts, and indeed of all the New England States, disapproved of the second war with England. At a town meeting held on July 13, 1812, the citizens of Oakham declared by vote (1) their strong opposition to a war with Great Britain, and (2) their disapproval of an alliance with France. At the same meeting three college graduates, Rev. Daniel Tomlinson (Yale 1781), Dr. Seth Fobes (Brown 1804), and William Crawford, Jr. (Dartmouth 1807), were appointed a committee to draw up a memorial for peace, and nine men were chosen to circulate the memorial for signatures.

But after the war was begun, and when it seemed probable that the enemy might set foot on Massachusetts soil, William Crawford, Jr., a member of the committee to draw up a memorial for peace, was one of the first to raise a company for this service.

The following report of a committee of which David Cobb was chairman, was accepted by the Council of the State of Massachusetts, October 11, 1813, and approved by the Governor on the same day:

"On the petition of W<sup>m</sup> Crawford Jr., and other inhabitants of the towns of Oakham & N. Braintree praying that they with such others as may herewith join them, may be formed into a Company of Grenadiers; that their request be granted and that they be annexed to third Regiment of the first Brigade of the seventh Division, it being understood that no standing Company belonging to the said Regiment be thereby reduced below the number required by law."

By order of Joseph Farnsworth, Brigadier General of the First Brigade, Lieut. Colonel Thomas Wheeler, Commandant of the Third Regiment, transmitted, on December 13, 1813, to Wm. Crawford, Jr., the vote of the Council, and the orders for carrying the same into effect issued by the Adjutant General, and by Major Caleb Burbank, with the following note:

"To W<sup>m</sup> Crawford Junr.

In obedience to the above written orders you are hereby directed to enlist a Company of Grenadier Soldiers out of the towns of Oakham and New Braintree, and when you have enlisted 34 you will make a return of their names to me so that measures may be taken to elect Officers to command said Company, you will make out at the head of your enlistment a Caption stiling it the enlistment of a Company of Grenadiers according to the afore mentioned grant."

Thirty-seven men from the two towns enlisted in the company which was called the Washington Grenadiers. The following was the enrollment:

#### ENLISTMENT OF A COMPANY OF GRENADIERS

We whose names are underwritten do voluntarily enlist as soldiers in the company of Grenadiers annexed to the 3d regiment, 1st brigade, and 7th division of the militia of Massachusetts, and do by this our voluntary act consider ourselves bound to all intents and purposes to perform the several duties which may devolve on us as members of said company.

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| James Allen          | Lot Conant            |
| Jonas Brimhall       | James Conant, Jr.     |
| Thomas Haskell       | Daniel Flint          |
| Richard K. Marsh     | Stephen Lincoln, Jr.  |
| Isaac Stone, Jr.     | Mason Clark           |
| Seth Stone           | Zenas Dow             |
| Michael Lincoln      | Ashbel Pepper         |
| James Barr, Jr.      | Daniel Dow            |
| Ebenezer Howard      | Jacob Pepper, Jr.     |
| Perley Granger       | Jonathan Blake        |
| Ebenezer N. Barr     | Harlow Thrasher       |
| Edward Woodis, Jr.   | Sylvester Morse       |
| Samuel Thrasher, Jr. | Charles T. Holmes     |
| Roswell Converse     | Hiram Barr            |
| Daniel Warner        | John Adams            |
| John Thompson        | William Crawford, Jr. |
| George Mullett       | Perley Ayres          |
| Fabian Tomlinson     | Percival Hall         |
| Elias Marsh, Jr.     |                       |

William Crawford was commissioned Captain of the company, James Barr, Lieutenant, and James Allen, Ensign. James Conant, Michael Lincoln, Stephen Lincoln, and Edward Woodis were appointed Sergeants, and Jonas Brimhall, Corporal. John

Thompson and Sylvester Morse were Fifers, and Lot Conant and George Mullett, Drummers.

Toward the close of the summer of 1814, after the capture of Washington and the burning of the Capitol and the President's house, it was believed that the British were planning to make an attack upon Boston, and, in accordance with orders from headquarters, Captain Crawford issued the following:

NEW BRAINTREE, September 10, 1814.

The company under my command being ordered into the actual service of this State are ordered to appear at Knight Whitmore's in Oakham on Sunday, the 11th day of September inst., at five o'clock in the forenoon, from thence to march to Boston to do Duty in the service of this commonwealth.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD, JR.,  
*Captain.*

The company assembled according to orders, on Sunday morning on the Oakham Common, and after fervent prayer by Father Tomlinson, the soldiers parted from their friends and set out on the road to Boston. A severe campaign was expected, and those left behind had little hope of seeing again all the young men who marched that morning from Meeting-house Hill. Elizabeth Crawford wrote a few days later to her brother, Captain Crawford: "I, with my sisters, were at the meeting house with heavy hearts when you marched from town, and the greater part of the people that were there shed tears at your departure and your company's."

The regular military company of Oakham was also in training, expecting soon to be called to follow the Grenadiers. William Crawford, Sr., wrote to his son, Captain Crawford, under date of September 20, 1814: "We worked yesterday and this forenoon on the Common and have made great alterations in it.\* The company in this town is to train on Thursday this week,

\* The Common was the parade ground. The old meeting-house which stood near the center of the Common had just been torn down, and there was much material to be removed and some grading to be done to make it more suitable for company movements. There was no level cleared field near the center of the town.

and, by special orders, on Saturday to appear with all equipment ready to march at the shortest notice."

The Grenadiers occupied nearly three days on the march to Boston, arriving at camp at one o'clock P. M., September 13. The order to march came so suddenly that the Captain had to go without his uniform. This was made by his sisters, three school teachers, from cloth purchased for six shillings a yard from Knight Whitmore at his store in the center of the town, and taken ten days later to Boston by "Esquire Jesse Allen," who seems to have made frequent trips between Oakham and the camp at Boston while the Grenadiers were there.

Two members of the company did not go. Lieutenant Barr died September 8, two days before the order to march was received; and Thomas Haskell is said to have sent John Macomber as a substitute, but this name is not found on any muster roll of the company.

The soldiers in this company were the picked young men of the two towns of Oakham and New Braintree. With one exception, the men from Oakham were between twenty and thirty years of age, and all were unmarried. As grenadiers ought to be, they were all tall men, every one being six feet or over. They were known at Boston as the tall company, and attracted much attention by the perfection of their movements under the discipline of Captain Crawford.

The British ships appeared off Boston, but the troops did not land. The last guard duty by the Grenadiers at Boston was on Wednesday, October 28, 1814. The company was temporarily released from further service and ordered home, reaching Oakham November 7. As they came in sight of the center of the town, they saw for the first time the gilded ornaments on the tall spire of the new meeting-house, which had been completed during their absence.

A copy of the pay roll of the Washington Grenadiers, made out by Captain Crawford, hangs in the Historical Room of the Fobes Memorial Library in Oakham.

Fourteen members of this company who served at Boston enlisted from Oakham, and one other spent the greater part of his life in Oakham.







WILLIAM CRAWFORD, JR.  
Captain



JAMES ALLEN  
Ensign



JAMES CONANT, JR.  
Sergeant



STEPHEN LINCOLN, JR.  
Sergeant

## William Crawford, Jr.

Born October 5, 1783, third son of Captain William Crawford, the clockmaker, and grandson of Alexander Crawford, one of the nine heads of families who came from Rutland and settled in the West Wing, which became the town of Oakham.

William Crawford, Jr., was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1807, and studied medicine but did not practice. He settled in Oakham and was one of its most prominent citizens. He was chosen to represent the town in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1813, 1824, 1834, 1840, and 1845; was State Senator in 1825 and 1826; and was delegate to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1820. He served the town as Town Clerk from 1813 to 1815, and from 1817 to 1836, as Selectman in 1813, 1817, 1818 and 1835, was for many years a member of the School Committee, and was a well-known teacher in the common schools of this and neighboring towns.

From 1836 to 1850 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Worcester County. In the June meeting of the year 1838, he assumed the chairmanship of the Board, and he was Chairman continuously from that time up to and including the June meeting in the year 1850. He was an expert road maker. The writer of the article on Roads in C. F. Jewett's "History of Worcester County" said:

"The Commissioners have been among the most energetic men of the County. Colonel Lincoln and General Crawford were men of large capacity and have had worthy associates. Before the decease of the latter, the Chairman of the Board, it was stated by one very familiar with the subject that within two generations the County roads had undergone so great improvement that the same number of horses or oxen could draw twice as much tonnage from the extremities to the center of the County in the same time as they could have done at the beginning of the period."

Captain Crawford continued in the State Militia and in 1821 became Brigadier General of the First Brigade of the Sixth Division of Massachusetts Militia.

Mr. Crawford lived at the original Crawford place till 1842, when he built a house on a hill west of the residence of his brother Alexander, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He was married, September 30, 1846, to Sophia Cunningham, of Leicester, the fifth daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah Cunningham, of Spencer, and had one child, William Channing Crawford, who was born January 10, 1849.

General William Crawford died July 25, 1864. His portrait hangs in the office of the County Commissioners in Worcester.

### James Allen.

The only son of Deacon Jesse and Abigail Allen, was born in Oakham, July 2, 1792.

He studied in preparation for college at Leicester Academy, but on account of uncertain health did not enter college. He followed his father on the farm lately owned by L. N. Haskell, until 1835, when he sold his farm for five thousand dollars and put the money into the firm of Potter & Allen, merchants in the center of Oakham. The financial crisis of 1837 followed, and the firm was forced into insolvency. Mr. Allen after this lived for some years in that part of the Fairbank house now occupied by H. P. Wright. In 1858 he purchased the house built by Phineas Morton, in which his son, Deacon Jesse Allen, still resides. He was a competent and accurate surveyor and a born teacher. He taught in the district schools and in the select schools of Oakham for forty-two years. It is impossible to measure his influence for good over the young people of Oakham during this long period.

His fellow townsmen honored him by electing him to offices of responsibility. He was Selectman six years, member of the School Committee thirty-two years, Town Clerk eighteen years, member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives four years and of the State Senate three years. He was also County Commissioner of Worcester County three years. In 1817, when twenty-five years of age, he was elected Deacon of the Oakham Church, and held the office fifty-three years.

He was commissioned Ensign, May 11, 1814, Lieutenant, January 27, 1815, Captain, May 17, 1817.

He was married, (1) February 21, 1816, to Polly L., daughter of Nathaniel Crocker, of Paxton. She died July 5, 1841. He was married (2) September 10, 1842, to Hannah H. Parker, of Dunbarton, N. H. Children, all born in Oakham: Louisa, April 24, 1817; Stoughton Willis, June 6, 1820; James, July 4, 1822; Abigail, May 30, 1825; Mary L., September 1, 1827; George, April 3, 1829; Lucy, February 27, 1830; Maria, June 21, 1832; Emily Kinball, September 13, 1835; Louisa Parker, July 12, 1843; Hannah Merriam, May 9, 1845; Jesse, May 23, 1847; Martha Bird, April 7, 1849.

Deacon James Allen died June 18, 1870. His portrait hangs in the office of the County Commissioners in Worcester.

### Perley Ayres.

Born April 30, 1792, eldest son of Jabez Ayres, of New Braintree, and a descendant in the fourth generation of Jabez Ayres, of Newbury.

Perley Ayres was a competent school-teacher and a man of unusual ability. He was living in New Braintree at the time of his service in the Washington Grenadiers, but after teaching several winters in the center school in Oakham, he came, in 1837, to Oakham to reside and purchased from Timothy Nye, for four thousand dollars, the farm of one hundred and thirty-nine acres, still known as the Perley Ayres farm, and now owned by Thomas C. Gaffney. Here he lived till 1869, when he sold to Samuel B. Fairbank and removed to the house west of the village where his daughters Louisa and Eunice now reside.

May 1, 1826, he was married to Grace Mason Tidd. Mrs. Ayres died January 21, 1838, and he married (2) Harriet W. Knight, daughter of Silas Knight of Oakham, August 29, 1838. Children, all born in Oakham: Sarah Grace, July 14, 1839; Louisa Allen, January 30, 1841; Hiram, September 29, 1842; Charles Perley, April 30, 1844; Eunice Harriet, December 25, 1845; Katherine Amelia, October 22, 1847.

Perley Ayres died in Oakham, October 11, 1880.

## Jonas Brimhall.

Born in 1794, son of Samuel and Eunice (Humphrey) Brimhall, who came from Barre and lived on what is still known as the old Brimhall place, afterwards the home of Dr. Seth Fobes. Samuel Brimhall died in Oakham, February 3, 1812, aged sixty-two years.

Jonas Brimhall was married March 21, 1824, to Caroline Nye, daughter of Timothy and Parnal (Allen) Nye. He lived for many years at the Four Corners, near the schoolhouse in the North District. His son, Elisha Brimhall, born March 25, 1825, removed to Clinton in 1847, where he became a prominent merchant, and held various town offices. He was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for several years, Town Treasurer from 1865 to 1871, Representative in the General Court in 1871, and State Senator in 1876 and 1877.

Jonas Brimhall died in Oakham March 13, 1856, at the age of sixty-two years.

## Mason Clark.

Born in Medway, June 5, 1789, the son of Amos and Ursula (Richardson) Clark, grandson of Amos and Hannah (Craig) Clark, and brother of Simeon and John C. Clark, of Oakham.

Mason Clark came to Oakham with his parents about 1800. November 4, 1813, he married Patty Johnson of Medway. July 10 of the same year he purchased of Samuel Tenney, for \$328, a half acre of land, with the buildings thereon, which were (1) the original part of the house owned and occupied by the late A. J. Holden and (2) a shoe-shop where W. W. Russell's house now stands. He was a shoemaker by occupation. From 1819 to 1824 he was living in Coldbrook, where he was a licensed innkeeper.

## James Conant, Jr.

### Lot Conant.

Sons of Captain James Conant, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Lot Conant was born in Oakham, May 8, 1785; James Conant was born in Oakham, December 5, 1793.



James Conant married Susan, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Bullard) Stone, December 24, 1816. Children, all born in Oakham: Harriet Shattuck, May 11, 1817; George Fay, April 10, 1819; Joseph, September 14, 1821; John, February 21, 1823; Susan, February 6, 1826; Louisa, September 27, 1828; Eliza Ann, June 6, 1831; Albert Steuben, April 18, 1835; Maria, August 1, 1838; Henry Lafayette, July 19, 1841.

James Conant continued in the militia service and was chosen Lieutenant of the Grenadiers, July 14, 1823, and Captain, April 5, 1826. He was farmer and merchant, and lived on the old Turnpike, a little east of Pine Grove Cemetery. He died March 10, 1867; his widow, Susan (Stone) Conant, died January 30, 1877.

Lot Conant married (1) Patty Stone, September 30, 1813; (2) Polly McClellen, March 16, 1815. Children: Samuel, born October 3, 1816; Luke, born June 4, 1817; Henry, born May 8, 1819; Walter, born March 17, 1821; Thomas, born April 15, 1823; Mary H., born July 8, 1825; Abigail S., born January 22, 1828; Louisa L., born June 3, 1830; Sarah Jane, born June 22, 1834; George W., born June 20, 1837.

He was by occupation a farmer. In 1827 he was living in Oakham, but, in September, 1830, he removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he died October 14, 1868.

### Daniel Flint.

Born in Oakham, July 21, 1787, son of John and Phebe Flint. John Flint came to Oakham from Rutland in 1779 and purchased for £150 sixty acres of land lying north of the estate of William Harper, and still known as the Flint farm. He had seven children, born in Oakham. His sister Lucy married Joel Hayden, a Revolutionary soldier. His widow, Phebe Flint, died February 19, 1837, aged eighty-four years.

Daniel Flint married, May 30, 1815, Mary, daughter of James Boyd, a soldier of the Revolution. Children: Mary Adaline, born June 1, 1817; Daniel Waldo, born March 22, 1819; Ebzada Elenor, born June 11, 1823.

Daniel Flint lived on the Flint farm till his death, November 20, 1837.

### Percival Hall.

Son of Percival Hall, a farmer of Oakham, and grandson of Dr. Percival Hall, a widely known physician of New Braintree. His father married Betsy, daughter of Thomas White, in 1791, removed from New Braintree to Oakham in 1792, and purchased of George Thrasher for £265 10s. the farm in the westerly part of Oakham since known as the Hall place, where he lived till his death, March 10, 1843. His widow died January 11, 1845, aged seventy-nine years.

Percival Hall, of the Washington Grenadiers, was married to Viana White, June 15, 1826. Children: Lucinda White, born February 13, 1827, married Benjamin Nourse May 9, 1854, died January 8, 1867; Ambrose Porter, born August 28, 1829, died September 29, 1896. Mr. Hall lived on the home place till his death, August 5, 1875.

### Stephen Lincoln, Jr.

Born in Oakham, November 29, 1792, son of Stephen Lincoln, a soldier in the Revolution, and of Lydia (Foster) Lincoln.

He lived on the farm purchased by his father in 1783 from the heirs of Silas Hill, till April 1, 1834, when he bought of James C. Fairbank, for one thousand dollars, a farm containing thirteen acres, with the buildings thereon, which now forms a part of the farm of Miss Laura G. Burt. He was a manufacturer of sieves and a pioneer of the wirework industry in Oakham. In 1848 he made his son William his partner, forming the firm of S. & W. Lincoln, manufacturers of wire goods.

He was twice married: (1) February 6, 1823, to Betsey Brooks, daughter of Jonas Brooks of Princeton; (2) April 2, 1829, to Martha Ward Skerry, daughter of Captain Samuel Skerry, of Salem, Mass. Children: Elizabeth Wilder, born November 11, 1824; William, born February 27, 1826.

Stephen Lincoln was chosen Lieutenant of the Grenadiers, April 20, 1820, but did not long continue in the service. He died October 25, 1886, in the ninety-fourth year of his age, the last survivor of the Washington Grenadiers.

## Elias Marsh, Jr.

## Richard Kelley Marsh.

Sons of Elias and Esther Marsh. Elias Marsh, Sr., married Esther Berry in Barre, August 1, 1776; came from Rutland to Oakham about 1780 and purchased in 1781, of Thomas Read, Jr., of Rutland, one-half of Lot No. 3, later known as the Drury place and extending from the East Hill Road to the Rutland town line. He died in Oakham, April 23, 1838, at the age of eighty-three years. Richard K. Marsh was born June 7, 1791; Elias Marsh, Jr., was born May 21, 1795.

Elias Marsh, Jr., married Maria Buss, of Sterling, in 1819. Children, born in Oakham: Mary Houghton, July 12, 1820; Martha Elmira, November 4, 1821; Sophronia Berry, August 25, 1823; Rebeckah Mason, March 20, 1825. About 1830 he removed with his family to Elizabeth, N. J., where he died at an advanced age.

Richard Kelley Marsh, generally known as Kelley Marsh, married Rowena Johnson in 1818. Children, born in Oakham: Julia Ann, August 21, 1820; Luther, July 13, 1822; Oscar Ferdinand, April 25, 1824; Maria Augusta, September 27, 1826. Kelley Marsh, after his marriage, lived at the Sumner Barr place, and later in the first house on a road long since closed, which left the present Coldbrook road below Henry Bullard's and continued past the houses of Aaron and Solomon Parmenter, the old schoolhouse, and the burying ground, and joined the old Coldbrook road, closed in 1913, about a quarter of a mile above the present Boston and Maine railroad station. He died April 22, 1858, aged sixty-five years.

## Isaac Stone, 3d.

Born in Oakham, June 19, 1794, son of Isaac, 2d, and Hannah (Bullard) Stone. His father, Isaac Stone, 2d, a Revolutionary soldier, was son of Isaac Stone, who came from Rutland to Oakham in 1765 and became the leading citizen of the town during and following the period of the Revolutionary War.

Isaac Stone, 3d, married February 27, 1815, Sally Robinson, who was born in Northboro May 1, 1789, daughter of John Robinson. Children: Washington Stone, born August 4, 1816; Ann Robinson, born April 11, 1818. Isaac Stone, 3d, died October 24, 1822, at the age of twenty-eight years; his wife died September 21, 1818, at the age of twenty-nine years.

### Fabian Tomlinson.

Born in Oakham, January 19, 1793, son of Rev. Daniel and Lucy (Beard) Tomlinson. Daniel Tomlinson was born in Derby, Conn., May 20, 1759, graduated at Yale College in 1781, studied theology with Rev. Dr. Charles Backus of Somers, Conn., and was ordained over the Oakham Congregational Church June 22, 1786. He was married to Lucy Beard of Derby, Conn., November 23, 1786.

Fabian Tomlinson was a farmer and lived on the Tomlinson place, which his father had purchased from James Hunter in 1786. He continued in the militia service and was commissioned Captain of the Washington Grenadiers, January 18, 1830. His resignation of the office of Captain was accepted November 17, 1831.

He was married to Sarah T. Hunter, March 28, 1816. Children, born in Oakham: James, December 28, 1816; Daniel, March 23, 1818; William, March 27, 1821; Dolly, December 20, 1822; Fabian, November 6, 1824; Lucy, March 24, 1826; Jane, January 7, 1828; Maria, August 18, 1829; Nancy, September 3, 1837.

Fabian Tomlinson died in Oakham, August 12, 1885, aged ninety-two years.

### Edward Woodis.

Born in Oakham, July 24, 1790, in the house which stood at the foot of the hill east of the farm which is now owned by George W. Stone. He was son of Ebenezer Woodis, and grandson of Sergeant Ebenezer Woodis, a Revolutionary soldier.

Edward Woodis removed to New Braintree when a young man, continued in military service, was chosen Lieutenant of the Washington Grenadiers, May 30, 1821, and Captain, July 14, 1823.

April 9, 1825, he married Catherine Holmes, of New Braintree. Their children were: Luther Wilson, born June 22, 1827; Catherine, born March 26, 1828; Edward, born October 1, 1829; Henrietta, born August 19, 1832; Alden Bradford, born October 6, 1834.

Mr. Woodis died in New Braintree, December 4, 1841, at the age of fifty-one years.

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The following citizens held the important town offices during the three years 1812-1814:

Town Clerks:

Moses Brown, 1812.

William Crawford, Jr., 1813, 1814.

Treasurer:

Isaac French, 1812, 1813, 1814.

Selectmen:

Simeon Haskell, 1812, 1814.

Joel Jones, 1812, 1814.

William Crawford, Jr., 1813, 1814.

Peres Fobes, 1813, 1814.

Isaac French, 1812.

John Robinson, 1812.

Moses Brown, 1812.

Silas Bullard, 1813.

John French, 1813.

Abner Lincoln, 1813.

Jonas Clapp, 1814.

## SEMINOLE AND MEXICAN WARS.

Two Oakham men served in the United States Army between the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

### Isaac Davis Rice.

Born July 3, 1801, son of Joseph and Mary Rice.

Isaac D. Rice was a soldier in the Seminole War (1835-42). He enlisted in the regular army of the United States and continued in the service nearly ten years. After his discharge from the army, he returned to Oakham and lived at what is still known as Rice Corner. He was Chairman of the Committee which in 1843 erected the Methodist Church in the center of the town, and contributed about three-fifths of the entire cost of the building.

April 19, 1846, he was married to Mrs. Julia Ann Rice, widow of Henry Rice and daughter of Richard Kelley and Rhoena (Johnson) Marsh. They had one daughter, Rhoena Augusta, born June 19, 1849, married May 7, 1874, to Hudson L. Arms.

Mr. Rice died in North Brookfield, March 25, 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years.

### Algernon Sidney Crawford.

Born in Oakham, April 27, 1805, son of James and Molly (Butler) Crawford, and grandson of Captain William Crawford, the clockmaker.

He married Eliza Fay, and had one son, James Crawford. In 1846 he had his name changed by Act of the Massachusetts Legislature from Algernon Sidney Crawford to Algernon Sidney Butler.

Soon after the declaration of war against Mexico, he enlisted at Worcester in the service of the United States, and is said to have died at Puebla, Mexico, in 1847.

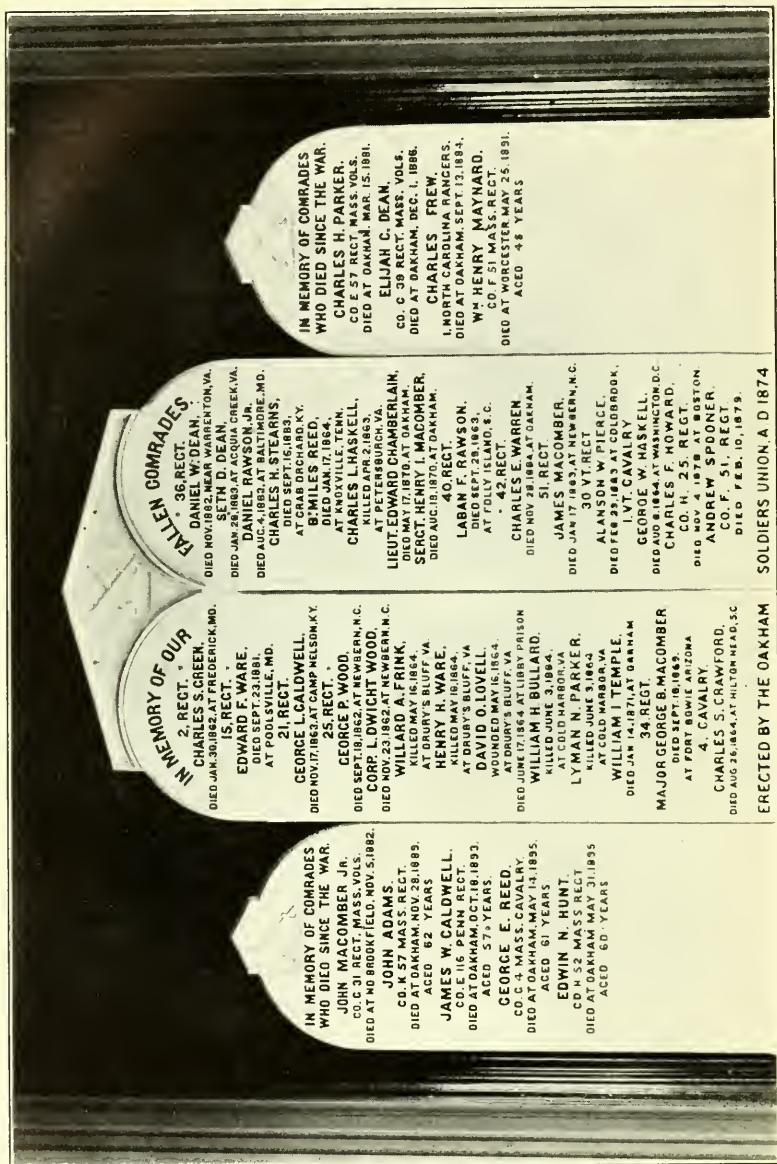


# THE CIVIL WAR

The record of military service of the Oakham soldiers in the Civil War is taken chiefly from Oakham Town Records, Adjutant Generals' Reports, *T. W. Higginson's* Mass. in the Army and Navy, 1861-65, and Regimental Histories. The writer was personally acquainted with nearly all the men from the town who served in this war, but, for greater accuracy and completeness, the Biographical Sketches have been read, with careful attention to names and dates, by the soldiers themselves or, when these were not living, by members of their families.

Massachusetts Infantry regiments in which men enlisted from Oakham are arranged in numerical order. These are followed by the Cavalry and Heavy Artillery. Within the regiment, those who enlisted from Oakham are placed before those born in Oakham or living here after the war, who enlisted from other towns. Oakham men who enlisted in other states are arranged alphabetically and placed after those who served in Massachusetts organizations.





# IN MEMORY OF COMRADES WHO DIED SINCE THE WAR.

JOHN MACOMBER JR.  
CO. C 31 REGT. MASS. VOL.  
DIED AT FORT BRIDGES, NOV. 3, 1882.

JOHN ADAMS  
CO. 157 MASS. REGT.  
DIED AT OAKHAM, MAY 1, 1885.  
AGED 62 YEARS.

JAMES W. CALDWELL.  
CO. 115 PENAL REGT.  
DIED AT OAKHAM, OCT. 18, 1893.  
AGED 57 YEARS.

GEORGE E. REED.  
CO. C 4 MASS. CAVALRY.  
DIED AT OAKHAM, MAY 14, 1895.  
AGED 61 YEARS.

EDWIN N. HUNT.  
CO. H 52 MASS. REGT.  
DIED AT OAKHAM, MAY 31, 1895.  
AGED 60 YEARS.

# IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN COMRADES

DANIEL W. DEAN.  
36 REGT.  
DIED NOV. 1882, NEAR WARRENTON, VA.

SETH D. DEAN.  
DIED JAN. 17, 1884, AT OAKHAM, VA.

DANIEL RAYSON JR.  
DIED AUG. 4, 1882, AT BALTIMORE, MD.

CHARLES H. STEARNS.  
DIED SEPT. 16, 1883, AT GRAB ORCHARD, KY.

B. MILES REED.  
DIED JAN. 17, 1884, AT OAKHAM, VA.

CHARLES L. HASKELL.  
KILLED APR. 2, 1863, AT PETERSBURGH, VA.

LIEUT. EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN.  
DIED MAY 17, 1870, AT OAKHAM.

SERGT. HENRY I. MACOMBER.  
DIED AUG. 18, 1870, AT OAKHAM.

40 REGT. ILL.  
LABAN T. LARSON.  
DIED SEPT. 28, 1863, AT FOLLY ISLAND, S. C.

42 REGT.  
CHARLES E. WARREN.  
DIED NOV. 28, 1884, AT OAKHAM.

51 REGT.  
JAMES MACOMBER.  
DIED JAN. 17, 1883, AT NEWBURN, N. C.

30 VT. REGT.  
ALANSON W. PIERCE.  
DIED FEB. 18, 1862, AT OAKHAM, VA.

1 VT. CAVALRY.  
GEORGE W. HASKELL.  
DIED AUG. 8, 1884, AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHARLES F. HOWARD.  
CO. H, 25 REGT.  
DIED NOV. 4, 1878, AT BOSTON.

ANDREW SPOONER.  
CO. F, 51 REGT.  
DIED FEB. 10, 1879.

ERECTED BY THE OAKHAM SOLDIERS UNION, A. D. 1874

## THE CIVIL WAR.

Until the attack on Fort Sumter, it was not generally believed at the North that there would be war between the two sections. The North had lived so long in peace that it did not know what the evils of war were, and was wholly unprepared for a long and hard struggle. The young men were not accustomed to military training, and there was no such universal interest among them in manly sports as is seen everywhere to-day. But when war had actually begun, and it was evident that the Union could not be preserved without a conflict of arms, the men of the North responded promptly and seemed ready to make any sacrifice in defence of the government.

The method of recruiting in Massachusetts differed from that pursued in many of the states. In general, each Massachusetts regiment was raised from a comparatively small section of the state, and each company in the regiment represented a town or a group of near-by towns. As the war advanced and new levies were called for, the state formed new regiments instead of raising recruits to fill up the ranks in the regiments already in the field. If the men who reënlisted are counted twice, as they were on the town's quota, about four-fifths of the Oakham men who enlisted for the town were in the 25th, 34th, 36th, and 51st regiments of infantry and in the 4th cavalry. The last was a state organization. The four infantry regiments were all raised in Worcester County, as were also the 15th and 21st.

In response to the call of April 15, 1861, for three-months' regiments, Massachusetts sent nearly four thousand men to the front with little delay. The 4th and 6th regiments left Boston on April 17, and the 6th made its bloody march through Baltimore on April 19. May 3, the President called upon the North for thirty-nine regiments of infantry and one of cavalry, to serve for a period of three years, but it was not until May 19 that the quota of the state was assigned. The 1st Massachusetts Regiment left for the front on June 15, and the 2d on July 8.

**2d Mass. Infantry.****Charles Sumner Green.**

Mustered in, May 25, 1861.

Died in the service.

Born October 5, 1839, in Coldbrook, in the town of Oakham, the eldest child of George S. and Sophronia Green, and brother of Lyman Smith Green, and of Eliza Jane Green, the wife of F. P. Kimball.

Charles S. Green was a shoemaker living in the village of Coldbrook, and enlisted from Oakham in Co. F, 2d Mass. The regiment was organized at Camp Andrew, on the famous Brook Farm in West Roxbury. Co. F, with seventy-eight men, arrived in camp May 14. On July 8 the regiment left Camp Andrew one thousand and thirty-five men strong, went to the front, and joined the command of Major General Patterson at Williamsport. In December, 1861, it went into winter quarters at Frederick, Md., and with three other regiments occupied what was called "Cantonment Hicks," named in honor of Governor Hicks of Maryland. This camp was in a pleasant wood, four miles east of Frederick, on the Baltimore pike. The hospital was supplied by the Sanitary Commission.

Charles S. Green was the first man from Oakham to join the army at the outbreak of the Civil War. Within one month of the attack on Fort Sumter, he left his work and enlisted in a regiment forming in the eastern part of the State. When the regiment left Camp Andrew, he was detailed as regimental wagoner. At Camp Hicks he was taken ill with fever, and died January 30, 1862.

**10th Mass. Infantry.****Nathaniel W. Colton.**

Mustered in, June 21, 1861.

Discharged, October 5, 1862.

Address, Veterans' Home, Napa Co., Cal.

Born in West Springfield, Mass., November 3, 1836. His father was Chauncey Colton, of Long Meadow, who removed to Oakham about



1848; was village Postmaster from 1851 to 1855, and Selectman in 1856. In 1830 he married Lavinia H. Ware of Oakham, sister of James B. and A. Hazen Ware.

Nathaniel W. Colton was a shoemaker living in Springfield when the war began. He enlisted May 31, 1861, at the age of twenty-five, in Co. F, 10th Mass. The regiment went into camp June 14; left for the South July 25, and was encamped during the winter at Brightwood, near the residence of Francis P. Blair, Jr. March 27, 1862, it started down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe; was engaged with loss at Fair Oaks, May 31, and heavily engaged at Malvern Hill, July 1. Colton was with McClellan through the peninsular campaign from March to July, and contracted disease, on account of which he was discharged for disability.

After recovering his health, he followed his occupation in Oakham, Worcester, Springfield, and Lynn, Mass., and in San Francisco. In 1893 he was admitted to the Veterans' Home, Napa Co., Cal.

#### 11th Mass. Infantry.

##### William A. F. Noyes.

Mustered in, August 3, 1861.

Discharged, August 8, 1862.

Born in Oakham, November 9, 1822, son of Luther and Azuba (Smith) Noyes, and descendant in the sixth generation of Rev. James Noyes, of Newbury, who came to New England in 1634. His father, Luther Noyes, of Oakham, was born in Shrewsbury, May 2, 1776, and was the son of Daniel Noyes who served in the Revolutionary War, in Col. Jonathan Ward's regiment.

William Noyes taught school in Oakham when a young man. He built the house on the Coldbrook road just north of William S. Crawford's carriage repository. About 1850 he removed to Ashland, from which place he enlisted as a musician, in the 11th Mass., and served till the bands were discharged by the order of the War Department in 1862.

After his return he lived in Ashland. He was a good citizen and held the offices of Selectman and Assessor in that town for several years. He was a charter member of the Col. Prescott Post, G. A. R., of Ashland.

June 2, 1844, he was married to Harriet A. Fitts, of Oakham, and had three children: Charlotte, born December 6, 1848, married Thomas M. Robinson in 1866; Charles F., born September 9, 1854, married Alice E. Nelson; Chester S., born September 9, 1854, married Mary J. Whitehouse in 1885.

Mrs. Noyes died November 25, 1885, at Ashland. Soon after 1900 Mr. Noyes removed to Farmington, N. H., where he died February 16, 1911.

### 13th Mass. Infantry.

#### William Bird Kimball.

Mustered in, July 16, 1861.

Mustered out, July 11, 1864.

Born in Oakham, June 2, 1833. His father, Rev. James Kimball, pastor of the Congregational Church in Oakham from 1832 to 1860, was born in Bradford, Mass., October 5, 1797, and was a graduate of Middlebury College in the Class of 1820 and of Andover Theological Seminary in 1823. His mother was Emily Parker, who was born in Groveland, Mass., September 5, 1800, and was one of the early teachers of Bradford Academy.

William B. Kimball was graduated at Amherst College in 1856. February 17, 1858, he was married, in Enfield, Mass., to Frances C. Woods, daughter of Josiah B. Woods, who was born in Enfield and was closely identified with the early development of the industrial resources of his native town. Mr. Woods was for many years a manufacturer of flannels and satinet goods.

Mr. Kimball located in Westboro, buying the historic farm known as the Maynard place, on the Northboro road. He was one of the first to enlist in the Westboro company of the 13th Mass., raised in May, 1861, and was mustered in as Corporal of Co. K. A few days later he was made Orderly Sergeant. His genial manners and sunny disposition made him universally





CHARLES SUMNER GREEN  
2d Mass. Infantry



EDWARD FRANKLIN WARE  
15th Mass. Infantry



WILLIAM HARRISON BULLARD  
25th Mass. Infantry



SERGEANT WILLIAM I. TEMPLE  
25th Mass. Infantry

beloved by the soldiers, and he was pronounced the best orderly sergeant in the regiment. He was made Commissary Sergeant of the regiment, May 1, 1862, and was commissioned Second Lieutenant, May 25 of the same year. February 28, 1863, he was promoted to First Lieutenant. He bore an active part in the disastrous battle of Chancellorsville, in May, 1863, and at Gettysburg, July 1, 2, and 3 of the same year. He was appointed Captain, October 4, and assigned to the command of Co. K, on December 9. He was in the series of battles in May and June from the Wilderness to Petersburg, and was mustered out at the expiration of his term of service.

When he returned from the war, the farm in Westboro had been sold, and Mrs. Kimball had removed to Enfield. He joined her there and made this town his residence for the remainder of his life. The people of Enfield honored him from year to year with almost every office in their gift. He represented the town in the State Legislature, was Selectman, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and served as a member of the School Board for thirty years. He died at Enfield, January 22, 1908.

An appreciative obituary notice, written by Lieut. W. R. Warner, was published in the *Westboro Chronotype* of Friday, February 7, 1908. Mr. Warner said of him: "A flood of tender recollections comes pouring in upon me as I recall Kimball's always calm exterior and noble scorn of death. He was always the same man all through his life of seventy-four years, generous to a fault, unassuming, often forgetful of self, and always mindful of others."

#### 15th Mass. Infantry.

#### Edward Franklin Ware.

Mustered in, July 12, 1861.

Died in the service.

Born August 28, 1835, in Oakham, son of Archibald and Caroline Cutler (Cooley) Ware. His father was son of Archibald Ware, who came to Oakham before 1797, when his name appears on the town records.

Edward F. Ware was a shoemaker working at Brookfield when he enlisted, at the age of twenty-six, in Co. F, 15th Mass. The regiment assembled at Camp Scott, August 8; three weeks later was at Poolville, Md., on picket duty on the Potomac River. Here, on September 23, 1861, Edward Ware died, the second man to die in the regiment and the first soldier from Oakham to die in the war.

### Amos B. Dean.

Mustered in, February 1, 1862.

Discharged, May 1, 1862.

Born in Oakham, October 2, 1833, son of Dr. John and Nancy (Parks) Dean, and brother of Levi L. Dean of Co. H, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, and of Eliza Dean, the second wife of Andrew Spooner, of the 51st Mass. Dr. John Dean was son of Deacon James Dean, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham.

Amos B. Dean, a mechanic, enlisted, at the age of twenty-nine, from North Brookfield in Co. F, 15th Mass., and was discharged for disability after three months' service.

Not long after his return from the army, he removed from North Brookfield to Hiawatha, Kansas, where he died in November, 1903.

### Albert Henry Foster.

Mustered in, July 12, 1861.

Mustered out, July 11, 1864.

Address, North Brookfield, Mass.

Born November 12, 1839, in New Braintree. He was son of James R. Foster, who was born in Middleboro, February 24, 1798, and of Nancy (Henry) Foster, who was born in Rutland, September 20, 1796. They were married August 22, 1822. Mrs. Foster was daughter of Lieut. Samuel and Mary (Gates) Henry, and sister of Samuel G. Henry and of Mrs. Rufus Gould, the mother of Dr. John W. Gould, 25th Mass., and of Rev. Edwin S. Gould, 51st Mass. James R. Foster was a resident of Coldbrook in 1821; later he lived in Rutland and in New Braintree. In 1848 he purchased the Sheers Berry farm in the west part of Oakham, now known as the Foster farm, on which he and Mrs. Foster lived till their death. Mr. Foster died May 4, 1875; Mrs. Foster, April 17, 1880.



Albert H. Foster went to North Brookfield when fourteen years of age and was employed in the Batcheller shop. May 1, 1861, at the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in Co. F, 15th Mass.; was promoted from Corporal to Sergeant, March 1, 1863; was taken prisoner in the battle of Ball's Bluff, October 21, 1861, and was in prison in Richmond four months. He was in the battles of Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863, and Gettysburg, July 2 and 3. July 28, 1863, he was detailed on detached service in Boston Harbor.

At the expiration of his term of service he returned to North Brookfield and resumed work in the Batcheller shop, where he was employed till 1879, when he established himself in the coal business, in which he still continues. He has been for several years a member of the Board of Investment of the North Brookfield Savings Bank.

He was married (1) January 11, 1865, to Addie M. Ashby, of North Brookfield, who died, February 3, 1892; (2) December 13, 1894, to Alice W. Smith, of North Brookfield. Children: George B., born September 16, 1868, died September 8, 1869; Harold Abbott, born May 15, 1871; Frank Webster, born June 13, 1874.

Harold A. was married in April, 1893, to Jean Kidder, of Boston, and has three children: Albert Edward, Maynard Ashby, and Elizabeth. He was appointed Postmaster of North Brookfield in 1902 and held that office till the close of the Taft administration.

Frank W. was in the telephone business in North Brookfield from 1895 till September, 1910, when he removed to Oakland, California, where he is in the employ of the Cyphus Incubator Company.

#### 21st Mass. Infantry.

George Lyman Caldwell.

Mustered in, July 19, 1861.

Died in the service.

Born in Oakham, May 16, 1838, son of George and Eliza (Parker) Caldwell. His father, George Caldwell, son of James and Mary (Blake)

Caldwell, was born in Oakham, June 27, 1818, and died in Oakham, January 4, 1881. Eliza Parker Caldwell probably came from Warren.

George L. Caldwell, at the age of twenty-three, a mechanic, enlisted from the town of Oakham in Co. K, 21st Mass., and was made Sergeant. The 21st regiment was organized in Worcester, at Camp Lincoln; left Worcester, August 23; went to Annapolis; was selected for the Burnside expedition, December 16; took part in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, Manassas, Chantilly, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. In February, 1863, it was sent to Kentucky to serve as part of the 9th Corps in the Department of the Ohio. In August it moved to Camp Nelson on the Kentucky River.

George Caldwell died November 17, 1863, at Camp Nelson. It was reported that he was killed while in his tent, by the accidental discharge of a gun which a soldier was cleaning in an adjoining tent.

### Isaiah Dean.

Mustered in, February 29, 1864.

Mustered out, July 12, 1865.

Address, Barre Plains, Mass.

Born in Oakham, March 21, 1845, son of Elijah and Delotia (Eastman) Dean, and brother of Seth and Daniel W. Dean of Co. K, 36th Mass.

In the winter of 1864 he enlisted, at the age of nineteen, for the town of Barre, in Co. K, 21st Mass. Late in October, 1864, after the members of the regiment whose time had expired had been discharged, he was transferred to the 36th Regiment. On June 8, 1865, the remnants of the 21st and 36th Regiments were transferred to the 56th, from which they were discharged at the close of the war.

December 16, 1870, he was married in Oakham to Susan A. Simmons, daughter of Job and Sarah Simmons. His wife died June 1, 1887.

**25th Mass. Infantry.**

Twenty-one men from Oakham enlisted in Co. H, 25th Mass. in the late summer of 1861, and three whose early home had been in Oakham enlisted in the same company from other towns. One Oakham man joined Co. A in 1862. This was a Worcester County regiment, organized at Camp Lincoln in the city of Worcester, largely under the charge of Capt. A. B. R. Sprague. It was mustered into service from September 26 to October 12, and left the state October 31 for Annapolis, where it was encamped for about two months. While stationed here, the Oakham men were visited on December 14 by Washington Stone and William R. Gould, who brought letters and delicacies from home. They remained two days, and, after visiting the city of Washington, stopped again for two days on their return.

The regiment formed part of General Foster's 1st Brigade in the Burnside expedition to North Carolina and was given the right of the line; took a prominent part in the battle of Roanoke Island, February 8; was engaged at Newbern, March 14, remained on provost duty in the city till May 9, and was later at the front. As part of the 3d Brigade, it shared in the Goldsboro expedition in December, supporting the batteries at Kinston, supplying volunteer sharpshooters at Whitehall, and was active at Goldsboro. In December, 1863, the regiment was ordered to Newport News, Va., where four hundred and thirty-two men reënlisted, who returned in February, 1864, to Massachusetts on furlough.

The command was reunited March 26, forming part of General Heckman's Red Star Brigade, 18th Army Corps. In the reconnaissance to the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad, Edwin Wilbur and Lorenzo K. Lovell were wounded, May 6, 1864, at Port Walthal Junction. From May 6 to May 16, the regiment was under fire nine days. In Beauregard's daybreak attack on the right flank of the Union troops at Drury's Bluff on May 16, 1864, the 25th fought against overwhelming numbers till it was surrounded by the enemy, and then fought its way out, saving its colors and organization. The regiment lost sixteen killed,

sixty wounded, and sixty-nine prisoners. Willard A. Frink and Henry H. Ware were killed, Jonathan G. Warren was wounded, and David O. Lovell was wounded and taken prisoner. At Cold Harbor on June 3, in the unsupported charge of Heckman's Brigade on the strongest position in the Confederate line, the 25th lost fifty-three killed, one hundred and thirty-nine wounded, and twenty-eight prisoners, making a total loss of two hundred and twenty out of three hundred men fit for service who answered to their names at roll call that morning. William H. Bullard and Lyman N. Parker were killed, and Corporals Julius D. Hill and George W. Stone were wounded. The regiment took part also in the assaults of June 15 and 18 at Petersburg, and remained on duty in the trenches till August 25. It was ordered to North Carolina, September 4, and stationed near Newbern. The original term of service expired in September, 1864. The reënlisted men, organized as four companies, forming the 25th Mass. Battalion of Veteran Volunteers, united with Sherman's army near Goldsboro, moved to Raleigh in April, and, after the surrender of the Confederate Army, to Charlotte, where they performed patrol and guard duty till the termination of the war.

### William Harrison Bullard.

Mustered in, September 21, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Died in the service.

Born April 22, 1840, in Oakham. His father was Joel Bullard, born October 7, 1796, son of Silas, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Silas was the son of Jonathan Bullard, and was born in Weston, May 24, 1746.

William H. Bullard was a farmer living on the Silas Bullard place, when he enlisted at the age of twenty-one. At Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, he was severely wounded, falling among the living and the dead as the line went down before that fatal fire on three sides of the Angle into which the charge was made. Bullard could not cover himself, and was shot to death, lying on the ground between the lines, his living companions unable to help him.

In writing of this battle, Col. Higginson said: "Saddest of all was the vast number of wounded who expired in the narrow pass between the hostile lines, on the days following the battle, simply from the inability of their own friends to succor them."

Sergeant White says of Bullard: "He was one of the reliable men of the company, and participated in all the battles up to the time of his death. His bravery was conspicuous at Drury's Bluff, May 16."

### Henry Willis Crawford.

Mustered in, September 26, 1861.

Discharged, August 30, 1862.

Born in Oakham, November 29, 1829. His father was Hosea Willis Crawford, a captain in the militia and grandson of Capt. John Crawford who commanded a company in the Northern Army at the time of the surrender of Burgoyne. His mother was Caroline M. Gault, daughter of John and Rebecca (Kenney) Gault.

Henry W. Crawford played double bass in Crawford's Cornet Band, and was known as "Big Henry," to distinguish him from Henry A. Crawford, who played the E Flat cornet. He enlisted as a musician in the regimental band of the 25th, and at the end of a year was discharged by act of Congress, and returned home.

After his return, he lived in Oakham, Fitchburg, and Barre, and followed his trade of carpenter and builder.

December 28, 1853, he was married to Lucy Ann Browning of Rutland. They had two children, both of whom died young. After the death of his wife, he was married again, October 31, 1859, to Ellen Sibley of Barre. Children: Fred E., born in Barre, July 8, 1867, now police officer at Gilbertville, Mass., and Deputy Sheriff for the County of Worcester; George H., born in Barre, June 19, 1869, a machinist; Charles, born in Fitchburg, December 19, 1871, a teamster; Nellie A., born in Oakham, October 6, 1875, now Mrs. Ackland Eddy of Worcester, Mass.; Frank, born in Barre, December 21, 1878, a teamster.

Mr. Henry W. Crawford died in Gilbertville, May 18, 1895.

## Charles D. Dean.

Mustered in, September 23, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Born on June 9, 1843, at New Salem, Mass. His father was Charles Dean, son of Richard Dean, a soldier in the War of 1812 and a descendant of Walter Dean, who came from Chard, England, in 1637, and settled in Taunton, Mass. His mother was Abbie Deland of Andover, Mass., daughter of a Baptist minister.

Charles D. Dean was nephew of Mrs. Alonzo Lincoln, and was living with Mr. Lincoln when he enlisted, at the age of eighteen, from the town of Oakham. He reënlisted as a veteran from the town of Sunderland.

After the war, he was in the restaurant business for about twenty-five years. In 1895 he became a manufacturer of baking powder. He lived in Somerville from 1892 to 1908, when he removed to Medford. He was Commander of the Willard C. Kinsley Post, 139, G. A. R.; was Chairman of the Committee from the Post, which, in conjunction with a citizens' committee, made arrangements for the dedication of the Somerville Soldiers' Monument on May 30, 1909.

July 4, 1869, he was married to Maria F. Leonard, of Boston, and had one child, Grace G. Dean, born August 25, 1870, married, January 5, 1912, to Walter Shippard Smith, and now living at 7 Benham St., Medford, Mass.

He died November 20, 1909, in the hospital of the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, and was buried in Riverside Cemetery in Sunderland. The *Somerville Journal* said of him: "Comrade Dean was one of the most active, faithful, and efficient members of Post 139. Modest and unassuming in manner and conduct, he was always ready for duty at the call of his comrades."

Sergeant White of Co. H. writes: "I remember Dean as one of our best soldiers, ever faithful, quiet, and self-respecting. He came out of the service a *man*, worthy of the respect of the world, as he had been of all his old comrades in arms."



## John Williams Gould.

Mustered in, September 26, 1861.

Discharged, August 30, 1862.

Address, 23 Maywood St., Worcester, Mass.

Born in New Braintree, June 12, 1840, brother of Rev. Dr. George H. Gould, and of Rev. Edwin S. Gould, Co. F, 51st Mass. His father, Rufus Gould, was born in Charlton, Mass., September 3, 1792, son of Thomas and Hannah (Williams) Gould. Thomas Gould, born November 24, 1755, was in the Revolutionary army. John W. Gould's mother, Mary Henry, was daughter of Lieut. Samuel Henry, who was born in Rutland, November 15, 1765, and was married in 1795 to Polly Gates. The Henry family came from Rutland to Oakham not far from the beginning of the 19th century.

John W. Gould came to Oakham when he was nine years old. When thirteen, he sang alto in the church choir, and when sixteen, he joined Crawford's Cornet Band, being the youngest member. He organized a double quartette of mixed voices, that furnished acceptable music for social gatherings in Oakham for a number of years. He taught school in Ware and Hubbardston, teaching singing school at the same time in Hubbardston. In the spring of 1861, he, with his brother Edwin, and L. Dwight Wood, entered Williston Seminary at Easthampton. The outbreak of the war brought him home, and he enlisted as a musician in the 25th regimental band. At the end of a year, all bands were discharged by act of Congress, and he returned home.

The following spring (1863), the family removed to Westboro, and he began the study of dentistry with his uncle, Dr. Samuel G. Henry. In the spring of 1864 he opened an office for the practice of dentistry in Oakham, in the Irene Clapp house. March 1, 1866, he established himself in Worcester, where his practice has been one of the best in the city, and his close attention to business has given him but little time for other things.

When he went to Worcester, he united with the Old South Church, but when his brother, Rev. Dr. George H. Gould, became pastor of the Piedmont Church, he transferred his connection to

that church, where he was one of the deacons for eight years. He has been a member of the Worcester Congregational Club almost from its beginning, of the Worcester County Dental Association, and of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

In 1877 he was married to Nellie Melissa Muzzy. She was daughter of Alexander and Iris Melissa (Earle) Morrison of Leicester, and was adopted by Edwin A. Muzzy of Worcester after the death of her parents. Of a family of six children, only two are living: Dr. Rufus Henry Gould, a graduate of the Harvard Dental School, now in practice with his father. Mary Earle Gould, a graduate of Wheaton Seminary, now a teacher of music.

### Julius Dexter Hill.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Reënlisted, January, 18, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Address, Littleton, Colo.

Born in Spencer, Mass., August 13, 1842. His father, Dexter Hill, the son of Joshua Hill, came to Oakham in 1843. His mother was Eliza Prouty, daughter of Gardner and Ruth (Howe) Prouty.

Julius D. Hill, at the time of his enlistment at the age of nineteen, was clerk in the store of his uncle, Alanson Prouty, at Oakham. He was wounded at Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, but returned to his regiment and remained in the service till the close of the war.

After the war, he was clerk in the Express Office in Worcester, Mass., for two years. In 1866 he went to Colorado, and in 1869 settled in Littleton. Here he began on a farm, but soon opened a general store and remained twenty-eight years in one place. He was Postmaster of Littleton for fifteen or twenty years. He disposed of his store, and with a partner established the Littleton Creamery. Competition forced them to merge with an eastern concern, and his company became part of the Beatrice Creamery Company. When a national bank was established in Littleton, he became Director, Vice-President, and Local Mana-





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ger, and he is now Vice-President of the First National Bank of Littleton.

He was married in Littleton to Inez Berry, who came to Colorado from Maine with her father. Their daughter Eva married Ambrose Edwards. Children, born in Littleton: Dexter Hill Edwards in 1901; Berniece Edwards in 1904; Irvin Ambrose Edwards in 1907.

### Charles Frederick Howard.

Mustered in, September 20, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 19, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Born in Boston in 1843. His father was John F. Howard, who was born in Oakham, November 4, 1841, son of Martin and Vashti Howard. His mother was Charlotte Adams, born at Antrim, N. H., May 21, 1813, daughter of Dr. Charles and Sarah (McAllister) Adams of Oakham. Martin Howard came from Bridgewater, and was buried in Dorchester.

Charles F. Howard was living in Oakham with his father on the farm now owned by Clayton Adams, when he enlisted at the age of eighteen in Co. H, and served through the war.

After returning from the army, he lived in Boston and was employed in the Post-office Department.

He died at Hyde Park, November 4, 1878.

### David Oscar Lovell.

Mustered in, September 18, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Died in the service.

Born March 29, 1839, in Oakham. His father was David Lovell, born in Franconia, N. H., March 24, 1809, son of Jonathan and Mehitabel (Knight) Lovell. He removed to Worcester with the family in 1811, and when seventeen years old was sent to Sudbury to learn the shoemaker's trade with Enoch Kidder, with whom he worked as an apprentice four years. When twenty-one, he came to Oakham at the invitation of Samuel G. Henry. September 28, 1831, he married Hannah Osborn of Sudbury. About 1832 he built the house now occupied by William A. Nye, where he lived several years. Later he sold this house

and purchased in 1847 the house built by James K. Hervey, which has been in the possession of the family till the present day. Here he built the Lovell shop, in which he worked as a shoemaker with his four sons.

David O. Lovell was working with his father and brothers as a shoemaker, and was also keeping a livery stable, at the time of his enlistment. He was wounded at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, taken prisoner, and placed in the Libby Prison Hospital at Richmond. A few days after the battle, his father received the following letter from his son:

"Richmond, Va., May 24, 1864.  
General Hospital 21, Ward D.

Dear Father:—

I was wounded on the 16th in the right leg and taken prisoner, and since have had my leg amputated. I am doing very well at present; think I shall be able to go to our lines the first opportunity.

Your son,

DAVID O. LOVELL."

From lack of proper treatment, and with only such care as could be rendered by our own men, he grew worse, and died in the hospital, June 17, 1864. Sergeant Emerson Stone, who lost his hand in the same battle, and was also a prisoner, was with him when he died.

### Lorenzo Knight Lovell.

Mustered in, September 20, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Discharged, July 8, 1865.

Born May 9, 1837, in Oakham, son of David and Hannah (Osborn) Lovell, and brother of David Oscar Lovell.

Lorenzo K. Lovell began his studies in 1857 at Phillips Academy, Andover, in preparation for college, but on account of ill health he continued only two terms. The breaking out of the Civil War prevented him from returning later to the academy, as he had expected to do. He taught in the public schools of Oakham and of Sudbury. At the time of his enlistment he was working in the Lovell shop with his father and brothers. January



1, 1863, he was made Corporal. He was wounded at Port Waltham Junction, May 6, 1864. The wound in his shoulder did not heal and blood poisoning set in. When home on a furlough his own doctor took out the bullet which was imbedded in the bone. He was at the U. S. General Hospital in Readville, Mass., when the war ended.

After he returned from the army he became bookkeeper for William Mills, a plumber of Boston, and lived in East Somerville till 1874, when he purchased a grocery business in Wayland. He always took an active part in both town and church affairs. For many years he was Deacon of the church in Wayland and Superintendent of the Sunday School; also Treasurer, and member of the Church Committee. He served the town long as Auditor and member of the School Committee. For fifteen years he was Postmaster of Wayland.

Mr. Lovell was a member of the Order of Odd Fellows and was very active in the work of the society. He was Noble Grand, and, for several years, Chaplain.

March 16, 1864, when he was home on furlough after his reënlistment, he married Mary T. Young of Sudbury, who died in the following year. In November, 1870, he was again married, to Emily S. Mills, daughter of William Mills, by whom he had four children:

Mary Eleanor, born October 13, 1871, in East Somerville; graduate of Bridgewater Normal School; now teacher in Waltham.

William Stone, born July 28, 1873, in East Somerville; has now a grocery store in Wayland and is an insurance agent.

Ernest Mills, born July 5, 1877, in Wayland; graduated as Bachelor of Science from Tufts College in 1900; now Instructor in Physics in the Technical High School in Providence.

Sarah Emily, born August 18, 1879, in Wayland; graduated as Bachelor of Arts from Tufts College in 1902 and received the degree of Master of Arts at Radcliffe, June 23, 1908; now head of the English Department in the Lowell Normal School.

Lorenzo K. Lovell died in Wayland, December 19, 1909, and was buried in the shadow of Wadsworth's Monument in South

Sudbury. At the funeral the Odd Fellows formed a double line and marched in the procession to the edge of the village.

"Both Lovells were fine Christian men, always true to their best ideals, and good soldiers, like all the Oakham men I knew in the 25th Mass."—H. Arthur White, Sergeant Co. H, 25th Mass. Inf.

### Charles H. Parker.

Mustered in, September 20, 1861.

Discharged, December 29, 1861.

Reënlisted, December 5, 1863.

Mustered out, July 30, 1865.

Born in Brookfield, Mass., August 24, 1838, son of Aaron and Susannah Parker, and brother of Lyman N. and Edwin S. Parker. He came to Oakham from Princeton with his father and brothers, and lived here for a considerable part of his life.

Charles H. Parker was working on a farm when, at the age of twenty-three, he enlisted for the town of Oakham. Three months after his enlistment he was discharged for disability; but after regaining his health, he reënlisted for the town of New Braintree, in the 59th Mass. This was the last Massachusetts regiment raised for three years. It was a veteran regiment, and was engaged in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and Hatcher's Run. January 1, 1865, he was transferred to the 57th Mass., and was mustered out at the close of the war.

Mr. Parker was married, March 20, 1860, to Lucy A. Barr, daughter of Davidson Barr, of North Brookfield, by whom he had six children:

William Henry, born February 1, 1861, married in Spencer, Mass., September, 1882, to Mary Parmenter, of Oakham.

Sarah Jewett, born October 16, 1862, married March 2, 1883, to Fred Reed, of Oakham.

Charles Edwin, born August 17, 1864, married in November, 1883, to Nellie Davis, of Oakham. He was graduated as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Vermont in 1889, and practiced in Princeton, Mass., till his death, July 10, 1905.

George Lyman, born July 29, 1868, married December 25, 1889, to Lillian Robinson, of Oakham.

Freddie Davidson, born August 9, 1874, died August 20, 1875.

Frank Eugene, born May 11, 1877, married in Worcester, June 12, 1895, to Gertrude E. Walker.

Charles H. Parker died in Oakham, March 15, 1881.

### Edwin S. Parker.

Mustered in, September 25, 1861.

Discharged, March 22, 1862.

Reënlisted, July 13, 1863.

Mustered out, July 29, 1865.

Born September 2, 1843, in Brookfield, son of Aaron and Susannah Parker.

Edwin S. Parker was by occupation a shoemaker, and enlisted at the age of eighteen for the town of Oakham. After six months' experience in the army, he was discharged for disability, resulting from malarial fever and rheumatism.

In 1863, his health having improved, he reënlisted for the town of Holden in Co. A, 32d Mass. He was wounded May 11, 1864, at Spottsylvania, and sent to the hospital at Chester, Pa., but returned to the regiment and was in the battle of Hatcher's Run, October 27. Exposure while on picket duty after this battle brought on again an attack of rheumatism, from the effects of which he suffered during the remainder of his life.

After the war he returned to Oakham, where he was married, May 31, 1866, to Mrs. Sophronia Frink, widow of Willard A. Frink of his first company and regiment, and daughter of Daniel and Sophronia (Raymond) Town. Children:

Walter, born June 5, 1867, married October 9, 1883, to Emma E. Clark, of New Braintree, died October 28, 1908.

Edith May, born February 21, 1869, married November 18, 1885, to Frank Weld, of Oakham.

Rosa W., born May 7, 1871, married September 18, 1885, to Edgar Crawford, of Oakham.

Gertrude Anette, born May 17, 1873, married April 24, 1895, to Charles Cowen, of Barre.

Lizzie Snow, born November 25, 1875, married November 17, 1887, to William Woodcock, of New Braintree.

Edwin S. Parker died in Oakham, April 14, 1899.

### Lyman N. Parker.

Mustered in, September 25, 1861.

Reënlisted, December 18, 1863.

Died in the service.

Born in Brookfield, February 5, 1841, son of Aaron and Susannah Parker.

Lyman N. Parker was living with his father and younger brother in the Belknap house, and was working as a shoemaker, when at the age of twenty he enlisted with his brothers, Edwin S. and Charles H. Parker. He was a good soldier and one of the first in the regiment to decide to reënlist.

On June 3, 1864, he was killed at Cold Harbor. He carried with him a medal on which was engraved his name and address. This was found on the field by a Confederate soldier, and was restored to his brother, Edwin S. Parker, several years after the close of the war.

### Charles D. Robinson.

Mustered in, September 20, 1861.

Mustered out, October 20, 1864.

Born in Barre, Mass., November 25, 1836. His father was Marshall P. Robinson of Barre, who died in the West. His mother was Mary Elizabeth (Perry) Robinson of Oakham, who died in Coldbrook.

Charles D. Robinson was a mechanic living in Coldbrook, in the employ of William R. Whiting, when he enlisted at the age of twenty-five. He served three years and was discharged at the expiration of his term of service.

After the war he followed his trade of woodworker at Ayer Junction for ten years, and afterwards in Worcester for the

remainder of his life. He was Commander of the Grand Army Post at Ayer for two years. On his removal to Worcester, he was transferred to Post 10, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

May 7, 1865, he was married to Lucy M. Walker, daughter of John Walker of Oakham and sister of John Albert Walker, a soldier in Co. C, 4th Mass. Cav. They had six children: Arthur Charles, born March 28, 1866; Albert Dennison, born April 27, 1867; Mary Lizzie, born September 7, 1870; George Perez, born October 27, 1871; Hattie Louise, born December 5, 1875; and a daughter born March 28, 1881, died same day.

Charles D. Robinson died in Worcester, February 11, 1899, and was buried on Juniper Avenue in Hope Cemetery in that city.

Mrs. Lucy M. Robinson resides at 5½ Thomas Street, Worcester, Mass.

### Edward Josiah Sargeant.

Mustered in, July 29, 1862.

Reënlisted, March 30, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Address, Morningdale, Boylston Center, Mass.

Born August 4, 1841, at Mendon, Mass., son of Charles A. and Susan (Brown) Sargeant, and grandson of Asa S. Sargeant of Franklin. His brother, Levander D. Sargeant, was in Co. F, 51st Mass. Charles A. Sargeant came to Oakham in 1850, and in 1852 bought what is still known as the Sargeant place on East Hill, where he lived for many years.

Edward J. Sargeant was a member of Crawford's Cornet Band. He enlisted at the age of twenty-one as a musician in the summer of 1862 in Co. A of the 25th regiment, and continued in the service till the close of the war.

Since the war he has followed his occupation of carriage and sign painter and decorator in Oakham, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Hartford, and Worcester.

In 1876 he was married to Eunitia D. Wright, at Willimansett, Mass., by whom he had one son: Herbert Edward, born October

20, 1877, and now a bookkeeper with the Warren Leather Goods Co., Worcester, Mass.

Mrs. Eunitia Sargeant died at Oakham in April, 1891, and Mr. Sargeant was again married, March 17, 1900, to Lillian R. Webster in Hartford, Conn.

### Albert Spooner.

Mustered in, September 25, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 3, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Born January 22, 1822, in Oakham. His father, Deacon Andrew Spooner, born in Oakham, May 18, 1781, was the son of Eleazer Spooner, who was born in Dartmouth and removed to Oakham in 1776. Eleazer Spooner purchased of Deacon Jesse Allen for £383 6s. 8d., a tract of land, with the buildings thereon, containing about one hundred and fifty-five acres, on which he lived till his death. Deacon Andrew Spooner married Saily Adams, of Hopkinton, Mass., October 26, 1805, and had nine children.

At the outbreak of the war Albert Spooner was living in Oakham and was employed in the wirework manufactory of Lincoln & Ayres. He enlisted at the age of thirty-nine and served till the end of the war.

After returning from the army, he lived for a few years in Oakham and later in Hammonton, N. J. In July, 1872, he removed to North Brookfield, which was his residence for the remainder of his life. He was Deacon of the Congregational Church in North Brookfield, and served the town as Cemetery Commissioner. He presented to the Oakham Congregational Church a communion service.

May 25, 1847, he married Sarah Maria Woolworth, of Barre, by whom he had two children: William Henry, born in Oakham, April 16, 1848, died in Hammonton, N. J., December 17, 1870; Curtis Edwards, born in Oakham, January 22, 1850, now located in business at 1035 Lombard St., Philadelphia. He is a dealer in antique furniture and reproductions.



Mrs. Sarah M. Spooner died March 15, 1872, at Hammonton, N. J., and Mr. Spooner was again married, to Mrs. Cynthia R. (Putnam) Hambry, in North Brookfield, November 24, 1872. His second wife died May 24, 1895.

Mr. Albert Spooner died in North Brookfield, February 9, 1900.

### George Washington Stone.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Address, Oakham, Mass.

Born in Spencer, August 1, 1840, son of Washington and Martha (Robinson) Stone, and descendant in the fifth generation of Isaac Stone. The Stone family has been prominent in Oakham for nearly one hundred and fifty years. Isaac Stone came from Rutland to Oakham in 1765, and held all the offices in the gift of the town. His son, Isaac Stone, 2d, served as Sergeant three years in the Continental Army. Isaac Stone, 3d, was a soldier in the War of 1812. Washington Stone, the father of George, was five years Selectman, and represented the town in the Massachusetts Legislature in the year 1850.

George W. Stone, a farmer living with his father, enlisted at the age of twenty-one, and was appointed Corporal. He was wounded at Cold Harbor June 3, 1864, but rejoined his regiment and served through the war.

After the war, he returned to Oakham and has since lived on the home place, succeeding his father, who had died during his absence. He has been three times Selectman, and represented the district in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1901, being a member of the Committee on Military Affairs. He was a member of the Republican Town Committee for forty years, and was a member of the Building Committee of the Fobes Memorial Library.

He was married to Eleanor Hill, daughter of Joshua and Sally (Morse) Hill, of Spencer, and has four children:

Angie P., born September 8, 1869, married in North Brookfield to George Jones, May 14, 1892.

Etta M., born November 29, 1871, married May 29, 1893, to Charles Paquin, Jr. Mr. Paquin gave up his business in Oakham in 1898, was a student at McGill Veterinary College in 1898-99, and during the following year at Ontario Veterinary College, where he was graduated as Veterinary Surgeon in 1900. In 1911 he was appointed Veterinary Inspector for Worcester County and a part of Middlesex County, having under his care eighty towns and cities.

Mary E., born March 21, 1874, was married in 1895, in Chatham, N. Y., to Winthrop H. Boyd, and has one daughter, Leone, born in Oakham, July 10, 1896.

Henry W., born May 14, 1880, was married in North Brookfield, June 2, 1906, to Ellen G. Hall, and has one son, George Fred Washington, born April 22, 1907. Henry W. Stone commenced playing the cornet in the Oakham Band when a boy of about twelve years. Three years later he joined Reeves' Band of Providence, with which he was connected two years. After three years' study under Mr. Pellett of Worcester, he joined the Worcester Brass Band, Frank W. Chaffin, Leader, and holds first chair at the present time.

### William I. Temple.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Discharged, July 22, 1862.

Born March 25, 1838, at Princeton, Mass. His father was Willard Temple, who married Dolly H. Smith in Princeton, November 22, 1837. After her husband's death, Mrs. Temple married Samuel Maynard of Oakham, April 21, 1853, and her four children, William, Mary Ann, Jane, and Dolly, came with her to Oakham.

William I. Temple was a young man of excellent ability. He wrote creditable poetry, was a good debater, and was one of the presidents of the Franklin Literary Society. He was also inventive, and took out a patent from the United States Patent Office.

He enlisted in the 25th regiment at the age of twenty-three: stature 5 feet 7½, complexion dark, eyes dark blue, hair black,

by occupation a bookkeeper. He was appointed Sergeant October 15.

Temple spoke his mind fearlessly, but calmly. In January, 1862, Company H got up a petition which was signed by seventy-two men, to have the cook turned out of the kitchen. Sergeants Temple and Gleason presented the paper to the Captain, who was offended that the Sergeants should approve such a petition. Temple said to him: "If the Sergeants are not to be allowed to take an interest in the welfare of the men, then please take off my stripes."

A diary kept by Temple has been preserved, covering the period from the time of his enlistment till Sunday, April 6, 1862. The records in this little book plainly show that he had been anxious about his health some months before his enlistment, and that he hoped the out-of-door life would help him to regain his strength; but he found the service too severe. The long marches and hard drill increased his unfavorable symptoms, and he was discharged after ten months' service, on a surgeon's certificate of disability.

After leaving the army, he was for a short time traveling companion for John B. Gough on his lecture tours, looking after the advertising in newspapers and by posters, the printing and selling of tickets, traveling expenses, hack service, hotel bills, and rent of halls.

William Temple died of pulmonary tuberculosis in Oakham, January 14, 1871.

### Henry Hazen Ware.

Mustered in, September 24, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 19, 1864.

Died in the service.

Born August 20, 1841, in Oakham, son of James B. and Betsy (Capen) Ware. His father, born May 1, 1803, was son of Archibald and Lavinia Ware, who were married December 17, 1788. James B. Ware was a manufacturer of plow handles, and owned the farm which now belongs to John E. Stone. He was a good citizen, a man of fine presence, and held many offices, having been chosen eight times as Selectman and twice representing the town in the Massachusetts Legislature.

Henry H. Ware, a machinist, enlisted at the age of twenty. He was wounded February 8, 1862, in the battle of Roanoke Island, but soon returned to the regiment. He was killed May 16, 1864, in the disastrous battle of Drury's Bluff.

### Jonathan Gibbs Warren.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Mustered out, July 13, 1865.

Address, West Brookfield, Mass.

Born in Oakham, November 22, 1842, son of Eber H. and Miriam (Gibbs) Warren. His father, Eber Warren, came to Oakham from Rutland and lived in a house not now standing, on the east side of the Coldbrook road and north of the house of Dr. Charles Adams.

Jonathan G. Warren, by occupation a farmer, enlisted at the age of nineteen and was appointed Corporal. He was wounded at Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864, but returned to duty and continued in the service till the close of the war.

He removed from Oakham to West Brookfield about 1878, where he was for several years in the meat business and later a news dealer. He has served the town of West Brookfield as Constable, as Truant Officer, and as a member of the School Committee, and was for many years Commander of the Alanson Hamilton Post, G. A. R.

### Joseph D. Whitney.

Mustered in, September 25, 1861.

Discharged, May 11, 1863.

Reënlisted, September 23, 1864.

Mustered out, August 12, 1865.

Born at Watertown, Mass., in 1833, son of Alpheus and Abigail Whitney.

Joseph D. Whitney enlisted from Oakham at the age of twenty-eight, by occupation a shoemaker. After his discharge from the 25th regiment on account of disability, he recovered

his health and reënlisted in Co. C, 13th Conn. Inf., and continued in the service till the close of the war.

After his return from the army, he worked at his trade in Oakham for several years, and was subsequently in the employ of John C. Bigelow of Paxton.

He was married to Saphronia Bemis of Paxton, September 22, 1875, and had one son, George H. Whitney, born December 19, 1881, now the village blacksmith of Paxton.

Joseph D. Whitney died in Paxton, March 11, 1909.

### Edwin Wilbur.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Reënlisted, January 18, 1864.

Discharged, June 17, 1865.

Address, West Brookfield, Mass.

Born November 2, 1840, in Oakham, youngest son of Horace and Eliza (Hagar) Wilbur, and, on his mother's side, a descendant in the fourth generation of Col. Isaac Hagar who married Anna, daughter of Capt. Jonathan Bullard, April 26, 1770.

Edwin Wilbur was a shoemaker working with his father when he enlisted, at the age of twenty. He was wounded May 6, 1864, at Port Walthal Junction, Va., and was, for some months, in the hospitals at Fortress Monroe and Portsmouth, Va., but returned to the army at Petersburg. In September, 1864, he was sent to Newbern, N. C., where he contracted yellow fever and was in the hospital in January, 1865. On February 25, he was sent north to Dale Hospital at Worcester, Mass., from which he was discharged June 17, 1865.

After the war he lived in Barre in 1866, in North Brookfield 1867-70, and in Brookfield till 1872, when he located permanently in West Brookfield, where he was for twenty-five years engaged in the meat business, for two years conductor on the Warren, Brookfield & Spencer Street Railway, and later janitor of public buildings. He has been Meat Inspector, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Chairman of the Cemetery Commission, and in 1885

was elected Representative of the District in the General Court, and served on the Committee on Election Laws. For several years he was Commander of the Alanson Hamilton Post, G. A. R.

May 29, 1872, he was married at Brookfield, to Mary Elizabeth Duell, daughter of Judge George S. and Elizabeth (Hallowell) Duell. Mrs. Wilbur was born June 25, 1845, at West Brookfield. Children, all born in West Brookfield: Charlotte Elizabeth, March 31, 1873; Lucy Edna, September 20, 1874; Grace Duell, March 11, 1876; Lora Belle, February 4, 1878; George Edwin, August 15, 1879, died May 10, 1880; Ruth Agnes, November 11, 1888, died November 19, 1888.

Charlotte Elizabeth was married to Eugene Alonzo Gilbert, of West Brookfield, June 21, 1899, and has two children: Nathalie Wilbur, born July 6, 1900; Alonzo Edwin, born February 20, 1903.

Lora Belle was married to Lewis Herman Bruce, October 7, 1903, and has a daughter, Dorothy Wilbur, born May 27, 1904.

### George Paige Wood.

Mustered in, September 17, 1861.

Died in the service.

Born in West Brookfield, July 6, 1837. His father was George Wood, born in Bethel, Vt., November 14, 1808, son of Thomas and Betsy (Crowell) Wood. His mother was Abigail Elizabeth Keep, daughter of Josiah and Lucy (Tucker) Keep, who were married October 27, 1801. George Wood, of Bethel, Vt., and Abigail E. Keep, of Monson, were married March 4, 1832. Mr. Wood died in West Brookfield, September 8, 1840. After his death, Mrs. Wood married Hervey Maynard, March 28, 1844, and came with her two sons to Oakham.

George P. Wood enlisted at the age of twenty-four, by occupation a farmer, and died of disease, September 19, 1862, at Newbern.

February 18, 1858, he was married to Sarah S. Merrifield, daughter of James A. Merrifield, and had two sons, Elmer B., born June 22, 1859, and George Arthur, born August 26, 1861.





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WILLARD A. FRINK  
25th Mass. Infantry



## Lawson Dwight Wood.

Mustered in, September 16, 1861.

Died in the service.

Born in West Brookfield, August 23, 1839, son of George and Abigail Elizabeth (Keep) Wood, and brother of George Paige Wood.

Lawson Dwight Wood, when quite young, left home and lived in the family of Joseph Fobes. He was a young man of marked ability and had been a teacher in the public schools of Oakham. When the Civil War began he was a student at Williston Seminary.

He left Williston and enlisted at the age of twenty-two, and was appointed Corporal. He died November 23, 1862, at Newbern, N. C.

Sergeant Henry Arthur White of Co. H, whose mother was an Oakham girl, writes:

"I well remember the two Wood brothers from Oakham. They were my tent-mates from the start at Worcester till their death, which came in 1862,—two worthy men, an honor to themselves and to their town, of fine personal character, good soldiers both, both tall men, standing among the first ten men of Co. H. They were unable to stand the debility of that first hard summer. We were sorry to lose them."

## Nathaniel H. Foster.

Mustered in, October 12, 1861.

Resigned as Lieutenant, January 1, 1863.

Appointed Major, July 21, 1864.

Mustered out, April 29, 1866.

Born in Rutland, December 17, 1832, son of James R. and Nancy (Henry) Foster, brother of Albert H. Foster, Co. F, 15th Mass., and cousin of John W. Gould of the 25th Mass. and Edwin S. Gould of the 51st Mass.

Nathaniel H. Foster went to North Brookfield when sixteen years of age, and, with the exception of five years (1861-66) when in the army, he was in the employ of the Batchellers till 1893. He served the town of North Brookfield at various times

as Cemetery Commissioner, Tree Warden, Tax Collector, and Trustee of the Public Library.

He enlisted September 16, 1861, for three years, in Co. H, 25th Mass.; was commissioned Second Lieutenant, October 12, 1861; wounded at Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862; promoted to First Lieutenant, June 13, 1862; in battles of Kinston, White Hall, and Goldsboro, December, 1862; resigned, January 1, 1863; appointed Major in 12th U. S. Heavy Artillery, Colored Troops, to date July 21, 1864; and continued in the service till 1866.

He was married (1) January 17, 1855, to Mary E. Draper of Spencer, who was born March 1, 1833, and died in North Brookfield, July 10, 1868; (2) to Mary A. Webster of North Brookfield, November 22, 1870. Children: Mary Lucia, born October 23, 1855, died September 5, 1882; Addie Lione, born November 22, 1859, married June 12, 1888, to Albert W. Poland, died January 25, 1891.

Major Nathaniel H. Foster died in North Brookfield, August 6, 1909.

### Willard A. Frink.

Mustered in, January 5, 1864.  
Died in the service.

Son of William S. Frink, born in North Brookfield, July 14, 1836, and lived several years in Oakham. He was a descendant, through Dr. John Frink of Rutland, of Rev. Thomas Frink, who was graduated from Harvard College in 1722, and settled over the Rutland church in 1727.

He enlisted in Co. H, 25th Mass., for the town of Spencer, about a year and a half before the close of the war, and was never heard from after the battle of Drury's Bluff, May 16, 1864. Whether he was killed in the battle or died of wounds in a Confederate hospital, is not known.

He was married in Oakham, June 26, 1860, to Sophronia Abiah Town, daughter of Daniel and Sophronia (Raymond) Town, and had two children: Hiram Everett, born in Oakham, May 19, 1861, married to Delia Stone of Spencer; Lillie Belle, born in Oakham, September 14, 1864, married November 4, 1882, to George W. Pratt of Spencer.

## LeRoy D. Noyes.

Mustered in, April 1, 1862.  
Discharged, November 19, 1863.

Born September 16, 1839, in Oakham, son of Daniel and Caroline A. (Lilley) Noyes, and grandson of Luther and Azuba (Smith) Noyes.

LeRoy D. Noyes enlisted in Co. H of the 25th Mass. for the city of Worcester and after serving a year and a half was discharged for disability.

He was married (1) to Clementin L. Arnold in 1863; (2) to Emma L. Thompson in 1883. Children: Charles, born January 21, 1884; Robert D., born August 11, 1886, died October 14, 1888; LeRoy D., born August 11, 1886; Frank W., born August 20, 1889; Caroline L. P., born December 16, 1893.

LeRoy D. Noyes died November 17, 1909, at West Boylston, Mass.

31st Mass. Infantry.

## John Macomber.

Mustered in, November 17, 1861.  
Reënlisted, February 14, 1864.  
Mustered out, September 9, 1865.

Born May 30, 1834, in Oakham, son of John J. and Abigail (Packard) Macomber.

John Macomber was a carpenter and enlisted for the town of Oakham at the age of twenty-seven, in Co. G, 31st Mass. The 31st regiment left the state, February 21, 1862, joined the Department of the Gulf, took part in the operations against New Orleans, and was the first regiment to enter the city after the surrender. It took up its position before Port Hudson, May 23, sharing in the engagements of May 25, May 27, and June 14. Many of the regiment reënlisted during the winter of 1863-64.

After returning from the war, Mr. Macomber followed the trade of carpenter in North Brookfield. He was married to

Harriet Doane of North Brookfield, September 25, 1856, by whom he had two children: Nellie, born in Oakham, July 23, 1857; George, born in Oakham, December 19, 1861.

Mrs. Macomber died in Paxton, July 25, 1875, and he was again married to Ella Forhay, of East Brookfield, November 9, 1878. Children: George Garfield, born June 28, 1880, in North Brookfield; James and John, born February 12, 1882, in North Brookfield; A. Josephine, born March 6, 1883, in Worcester.

Mr. Macomber died in East Brookfield, November 5, 1882.

### 34th Mass. Infantry.

The 34th regiment, recruited at Worcester, left the state August 15, reached Alexandria, August 22, and remained stationed in the vicinity on picket until July, 1863. In December it moved up the Shenandoah Valley, and remained on provost and outpost duty at Harper's Ferry till May 2, 1864. The regiment took part in the movements in the Shenandoah, engaging with loss at the battle of New Market on May 15, Piedmont on June 5, Lynchburg on June 18. Returning to Martinsburg, July 11, 1864, it met the enemy at Snicker's Gap, July 18, and at Winchester on the 24th, was in action in the battles of Opequon and Fisher's Hill, and was at Cedar Creek on October 19. It shared in the final operations about Petersburg, engaging at Hatcher's Run, March 31, and at the final assault on the works. It followed Lee to Appomattox, encamping, after the surrender, at Lynchburg, entered Richmond, April 25, and remained there in camp until the expiration of its service.

### George B. Macomber.

Mustered in, August 11, 1862.

Mustered out, January 20, 1866.

Born December 20, 1838, in Oakham. His father, John J. Macomber, was born in Oakham, November 11, 1797, son of John Macomber who came to Oakham before February 11, 1795. His mother was Abigail Fobes, daughter of Jonathan and Susan Crawford Packard. Mrs. Macomber's father was descended from Ichabod Packard, a soldier in the French and Indian wars and in the Revolution, who came to Oakham







MAJOR GEORGE B. MACOMBER

34th Mass. Infantry

from Bridgewater in 1770. Her mother was Susan Crawford, daughter of Alexander and Bethiah (Willis) Crawford, and granddaughter of Capt. John Crawford of the Revolutionary Army. John J. Macomber, the father of George, had thirteen children, five of whom (John, George, James, Henry, and William) served as soldiers in the Civil War. Abigail, their only daughter, was the wife of William R. Barr of the Mass. 34th. Edwin was graduated at Yale College in 1863. Luther went in early life to the Sandwich Islands, where he had a plantation; he had nine children, one of whom served in the U. S. Army in Porto Rico in the war with Spain.

George B. Macomber was prepared for college at Monson Academy and was graduated from Amherst with the Class of 1862. Immediately after graduation he enlisted in the 34th Mass. At the organization of the regiment, July 31, 1862, he was appointed First Lieutenant; October 14, 1864, he was promoted to Captain. March 13, 1865, he was made Major U. S. Volunteers, by brevet, "for gallant and meritorious services during the war." In June, 1865, he was transferred to the 24th Mass. After the surrender of Lee, this regiment, with others whose time had not expired, was on provost duty in Richmond, under command of George B. Macomber, Acting Colonel, and remained in the service till January, 1866.

After the war, he decided to enter the regular army. May 11, 1866, he was appointed Second Lieutenant, 14th Inf., U. S. A.; September 21, 1866, transferred to the 32d Inf.; January 14, 1867, promoted to First Lieutenant; April 19, 1869, transferred to 21st Inf.

He died in Arizona, September 19, 1869, from injuries caused by the breaking of a derrick, while he was superintending the weighing of hay.

He was married at Washington, D. C., June 28, 1866, to Kate, daughter of Col. Goodwin of Fairfax, Va., and had two children.

### William Robinson Barr.

Mustered in, December 10, 1863.

Mustered out, January 20, 1866.

Born May 22, 1832, in Hardwick, Mass. His father, Captain Sumner Barr, was son of John Barr, Jr., and Molly (Bridges) Barr; his mother,

Susan B. Robinson, was daughter of William Robinson and granddaughter of John Robinson (born April 24, 1759) who came from Northboro to Oakham in 1790.

William R. Barr was a member of Crawford's Cornet Band, and enlisted in December, 1863, as a musician in the 34th Mass. January 14, 1865, he was transferred to the 24th U. S. Inf., and after the surrender of Lee was with his regiment on provost duty in Richmond till June, 1866. After the war, Mr. Barr lived in Oakham, Spencer, Rutland, and Worcester.

November 28, 1856, he was married to Abigail, daughter of John J. and Abigail (Packard) Macomber, and had three children: Henry G., born November 28, 1857, now a successful manufacturer of machinists' tools in Worcester; Mary Josephine, born February 21, 1863, died January 6, 1896; Addison William, born February 10, 1868, now a printer in Worcester.

William Robinson Barr died in Worcester, November 23, 1906.

### Horace Marvin Green.

Mustered in, July 13, 1862.

Mustered out, June 16, 1865.

Address, Coldbrook Springs, Mass.

Born June 17, 1846, in Oakham, son of Joel and Mary (Goodwin) Green. His father, Joel Green, born June 26, 1820, in Rutland, was the son of Elijah and Lucretia (Roper) Green, who were married January 28, 1800. Mary Goodwin Green was born November 23, 1815, in Guilford, Vt. The other children of Joel and Mary Green, all born in Oakham, were: Lewis Putnam, May 21, 1848; Ella Louisa, December 21, 1851; Edwin, April 8, 1854.

Horace M. Green enlisted at the age of sixteen, in Co. H, 34th Mass., and served till the end of the war. He was in the battles of New Market, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Snicker's Gap, Winchester July 24, and September 19, 1864, Martinsburg, Berryville and Fisher's Hill.

Since his return he has lived in Coldbrook, and followed the occupation of farmer, in which he was brought up.

He was married, May 25, 1870, to Adeline Perkins, daughter of Horatio Perkins. Mr. Perkins came to Oakham from Hop-

kinton, Mass., and married Anna P. Gibbs, daughter of Jonathan Gibbs, May 4, 1845.

Mr. and Mrs. Green have had nine children, all born in Oakham: M. Eugene, February 24, 1872, married (1) Minnie Davis of Worcester, (2) Emily Rowe of Worcester; Anna, November 6, 1874; Florence M., May 3, 1876; Josie, June 15, 1878; Ella D., November 3, 1880, married Charles H. Adams of Worcester; Nellie, November 18, 1882; Mary, April 1, 1885; Evander H., April 6, 1888, married Mamie Haley of Ware; Harry W., May 18, 1892.

### James Shearn.

Mustered in, July 17, 1862.

Discharged, June 17, 1865.

Address, North Brookfield, Mass.

Born in the town of Killmorgan and County of Sligo in Ireland in May, 1844, son of John and Ann (Hart) Shearn; he came to America in June, 1859.

James Shearn was a bootmaker by occupation, and enlisted from the town of Spencer in Co. E, 34th Mass. He was in the battles of New Market, Cedar Creek, Winchester, and Fisher's Hill. For three days he was under fire at the extreme left of Petersburg, and was in the charge in which Fort Gregg was taken. He was wounded: (1) at New Market, May 15, 1864; (2) in the charge on Fort Gregg, April 2, 1865. He was discharged by order of the War Department.

After returning from the war, he was married to Mary Glynn at Barre, July 23, 1865. In 1875 he removed to Oakham and purchased the Samuel Maynard farm, on which he lived till the spring of 1913.

He has had seven children, only three of whom are now living: M. Lizzie, born in Spencer, May 3, 1866, died in North Brookfield, September 3, 1892; Katie D., born in Hubbardston, March 10, 1868; John F., born in Hubbardston, April 26, 1871; Ella L., born in Hubbardston, December 9, 1873, died in Oakham, November 27, 1903; James J., born in Oakham, June 2, 1878, died in Oakham, September 18, 1884; Henry T., born in Oak-

ham, March 28, 1883, died in Oakham, October 1, 1884; Jennie A., born in Oakham, June 24, 1885.

John Shearn is in the clothing business in Providence, and has a store at 479 Westminster Street.

### 36th Mass. Infantry.

Fifteen Oakham men enlisted in Co. K, of the 36th regiment. This regiment was organized in the summer of 1862 at Camp Wool, Worcester, and was recruited mostly in the eastern and western towns of Worcester County. It left the state for Washington, September 2, joined the 9th Army Corps near Sharpsburg, Md., September 21, and was present at the Battle of Fredericksburg. Early in 1863, it joined General Burnside in the Department of the Ohio, and formed part of the forces sent to Vicksburg in June. It returned to Kentucky, was active at Blue Springs, October 10, was closely engaged at Campbell's Station, November 16, where Lieutenant Fairbank and Miles Reed were wounded, and was on duty during the siege of Knoxville. Returning to Annapolis, Md., in April, 1864, it was engaged with loss at the Wilderness on May 6, where Sergeant Howell was wounded. The regiment suffered greatly in the charge at Spottsylvania Court House, May 12; here Sergeant Chamberlain was wounded. In the action of the right wing at Cold Harbor, June 2, the regiment lost fifty-seven men in killed and wounded. Among the wounded was Corporal Henry Macomber. The regiment shared in the assault on Petersburg, June 17, and engaged in the operations on the Weldon Railroad in August. In the final assault on Petersburg, April 2, 1865, Charles Haskell was killed. After the fall of Petersburg, the regiment moved to Farmville and served on provost duty.

### John Barnard Fairbank.

Mustered in, August 27, 1862.

Mustered out, June 8, 1865.

Born August 8, 1839. His father, James Chandler Fairbank, was son of Ephraim Fairbank, who came from New Ipswich, N. H., to Oakham about 1815. His mother was Lurana (Robinson) Fairbank, daughter of







MAJOR JOHN BARNARD FAIRBANK

36th Mass. Infantry

John Robinson, a Revolutionary soldier, who came from Northboro to Oakham in 1790 and settled on the farm now owned by his descendant, George W. Stone.

John B. Fairbank was from boyhood a fine scholar and an excellent writer and debater. When the Franklin Literary Society was organized, he was chosen its first President. Beginning in the fall of 1856, he pursued his studies at Monson Academy, teaching in the public schools of Oakham each winter, and entered Middlebury College in September, 1860. A year later he left Middlebury and entered Amherst.

In 1862, at the end of Sophomore year, he left college to enlist in the 36th Mass. At the organization of the regiment, August 11, 1862, he was made First Sergeant of Co. K. His ability soon attracted the attention of Colonel Bowman, who often said, "Fairbank is the best Orderly Sergeant in the regiment, and Co. K owes its efficiency more to him than to any other man"; but for nearly nine months he failed to receive the advancement which he deserved. May 2, 1863, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant; October 23, 1863, to First Lieutenant; May 13, 1864, to Captain.

In the engagement at Blue Springs, October 10, 1863, the regiment, following the retreating enemy, came to the crest of a hill and discovered a Confederate battery five or six hundred yards in front. Colonel Goodale had just given orders to fall back under the shelter of the hill, when a shell from the battery burst, wounding Colonel Goodale and breaking Lieutenant Fairbank's sword into three pieces, but leaving him uninjured. As he picked up the pieces of the broken sword, a member of the company, perhaps thinking of the time when "They shall beat their swords into plowshares," said to him: "They have broken your sword into door-scrappers."

He was wounded in the battle at Campbell's Station, November 16, 1863. In this engagement he wore the sword of Captain W. H. Hodgkins, who after the Vicksburg campaign had been sent to Massachusetts to bring back recruits. When Lieutenant Fairbank was taken from the field, this sword was left behind, the Confederates pressing so close that it was impossible to

go back and recover it. Mr. W. B. Twitty of Spartansburg, S. C., found the sword on the field after the battle, and has recently returned it to Captain Hodgkins, whose name was on the hilt.

Fairbank was in the Asylum Hospital at Knoxville ninety days, and not until several weeks after he was wounded were his family able to hear from him, as Knoxville was then besieged by General Longstreet. On his release from the hospital he went home for a short furlough, at the end of which he rejoined his regiment.

He distinguished himself in the assault on the redoubt at Petersburg, June 18, 1864. This was the most brilliant and successful engagement in which the 36th regiment ever had a part. The regiment had less than ninety men in the battle, and of these three were killed and sixteen wounded, three of them mortally. It was here that Sergeant Macomber seized the colors and bore them through the engagement, after the color bearer of the regiment had been wounded. Captain Hodgkins, in his description of the battle, said: "As the rebel commander was pulled over the breastworks as a prisoner, he shouted to his men: 'Stand firm; their right is all gone.' The enemy discovered the break in our line and commenced a sharp cross-fire upon the regiment. At this critical moment, Captain Smith, commanding the regiment, with wonderful presence of mind, turned toward the left and shouted at the top of his voice, 'Fairbank, bring up your brigade!' at the same moment yelling, 'Charge!' The ruse had its desired effect, and before Lieutenant Fairbank could hurry his 'brigade' of eight men of Co. K from the left, the enemy wavered. Our men leaped the breastworks and captured all the defenders who did not take to their heels."\* May 13, 1865, Fairbank was brevetted Major United States Volunteers, "for gallant and meritorious services in the assault on the enemy's lines near Petersburg, Va." On October 13, 1864, Fairbank wrote home: "Of the thirteen hundred men that we have had on our rolls, only four hundred and eighty are left, and of these only one hundred and sixty are fit for duty. Of

\*History of the 36th Regiment, M.V.M., pp. 206-207.

the eight officers that composed my mess, every one has been killed or wounded, and all the wounded severely, except myself." November 1, 1864, he was assigned to command of Co. E. He was the Senior Captain in the regiment, and during a portion of the months of October, 1864, and January, 1865, he was in command of the regiment in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Barker. While in camp near Petersburg he served on Court Martial from the middle of November, 1864, to the middle of February, 1865.

After the war, Major Fairbank continued his studies, was graduated as Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College in 1867, and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Columbia Law School in 1869. He began legal practice in Winfield, Kansas, where he was appointed Deputy States Attorney for Cowley County. In 1875 he was called back to Massachusetts by his father's infirmities and age, and during the next six years resided in Oakham. Here he was honored by his fellow townsmen with the highest offices in their gift. He was Selectman, member of the School Committee, and twice represented the district in the Massachusetts Legislature. He wrote the history of Oakham for A. P. Marvin's "History of Worcester County," and was the founder of the Oakham Soldiers' Union.

In 1881 he went to the Black Hills, South Dakota, and located for a time in Deadwood, but soon removed to Portland, where he resided till his death. Here he practiced as a lawyer and dealt in mining properties. He took special interest in the local schools and in the Grand Army. In 1896 he was chosen Senator in the South Dakota Legislature, and was a prominent member of that body. He was President of the School Board in Portland, and was nominated by his party for a position on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State, but was not elected.

He died in Portland, S. D., April 29, 1908, and was buried in Mount Moriah Cemetery. He was far from home and relatives, but school children attended his funeral in great numbers, and the church in which the exercises were held was filled with his friends. The Bar Association of Lawrence County, S. D., gave this testimony to his worth:

"The excellent qualities of his life, the charm of his character, his devotion to his country, and his disinterested labors of love and mercy, will long linger as an inspiration to brighter hopes, more laudable endeavor, and purer and higher purposes."

The *Deadwood Pioneer Times* referred feelingly to his many excellent qualities in its issue of May 2, 1908:

"He was a polished and scholarly gentleman, whose friendship was an honor and whose company a pleasure. The studies which he followed in his youth, he loved in his declining years, and his mind was stored with a wealth of interesting information on varied subjects. Those who knew him loved him for his manly qualities, his refinement and accomplishments. He was a man of learning and culture, a lover of literature, and an admirer of everything good and noble, a man who went among his fellows with a word of hope, comfort and encouragement, a welcome visitor wherever he went."

James A. George, a Confederate veteran, wrote:

"In public and private life he was ever the courteous and polished gentleman, so pleasant to meet. I never heard him say an unkind word about or to any person. He wore the blue and I wore the gray. Often in private and at soldiers' and sailors' reunions we have met and fought over the battles again, but never a harsh word was spoken. Far from his old home, old comrades have laid him to rest. Sleep on, kind and generous soul. May a loving Father comfort those aching hearts far from your resting place."

### Edward Chamberlain.

Mustered in, August 4, 1862.

Mustered out, June 4, 1865.

Born in Holden, Mass., August 10, 1842, twin brother of Edwin Chamberlain. His father, Thomas J. Chamberlain, a son of Jacob Chamberlain and Ruth Upton, came to Oakham from Holden in 1856. His mother was Lydia B. (Wright) Chamberlain, daughter of James Wright of Marlboro.

Edward Chamberlain enlisted as a private at the age of twenty, in Co. K, was appointed Corporal, and promoted to Sergeant. He was wounded at Spottsylvania, May 11, 1864. After his return to the regiment, he was made Orderly Sergeant, October 12, 1864, and on November 13 was appointed Second



Lieutenant. He was a brave soldier and a capable and trustworthy officer.

Lieutenant Chamberlain returned from the war somewhat broken in health. He was in the employ of Moses O. Ayres for a year, and afterward worked with his brother in the shoe shop at Ware Corner.

He died in Oakham, May 17, 1870.

### Charles L. Haskell.

Mustered in, July 12, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born November 9, 1819, in Athol, Mass., son of Loring and Sally (Lincoln) Haskell. His grandfather, Simeon Haskell, a farmer and blacksmith, was born in Middleboro, January 10, 1767, son of Roger and Judith Haskell. He removed to North Brookfield about 1793, came from North Brookfield to Oakham in 1804, and lived on the Belknap place. He was a prominent citizen, having been five times Selectman. He died March 25, 1847, at the age of eighty years. Charles Haskell's mother, Sally Lincoln, was daughter of Stephen Lincoln, a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Charles L. Haskell bought of Deacon Andrew Spooner the farm which was purchased from Deacon Jesse Allen by Eleazer Spooner in 1776, and on which the Spooner family had lived till the buildings were burned in 1848. Here Mr. Haskell built the house lately owned by Mr. John P. Day. He was one of the leaders in the Congregational Church and one of the most helpful supporters of the social and religious meetings.

When forty-two years of age he enlisted in Co. K of the 36th Mass., and endured well all the hard campaigns up to the week in which Lee surrendered at Appomattox, but lost his life on the day of the final assault on Petersburg, April 2, 1865. He had been sent to the rear with Confederate prisoners, and was returning to the front when he was shot through the breast and instantly killed.

Mr. Peloubet thus characterized him: "A faithful, true, upright Christian man, well read in Bible history, not excelling

in soldiery tactics, but always sterling in soldierly action, universally respected, and always at the post of duty."

Silas Jacob Howell.

Mustered in, August 5, 1862.

Discharged, June 22, 1865.

Born in Malone, N. Y., in 1838.

In the summer of 1862 he was living in Coldbrook, and was in the employ of Parker & Whiting as master mechanic in the plow shop, when, at the age of twenty-three, he enlisted in the 36th regiment. While in camp at Worcester he was appointed Sergeant of Company K. He was wounded in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, but soon returned to duty and was with the regiment till the end of the war. He was discharged by the order of the War Department, on account of disability from wounds, a few days before the regiment was mustered out.

After returning home, he lived in Orange, Mass., and was for more than fifteen years in the employ of the New Home Sewing Machine Company. He was a very fine mechanic. When he needed a machine or tool, he made it, and made it well. When he had made it, he seemed satisfied, and never put forth any effort to turn his invention into money. He devised and made the first machine to turn out the hemmers on the New Home sewing machine, and also invented a glass cutter, which had a very extensive sale.

In 1882 he left the employ of the Sewing Machine Company and removed to Boston, where for ten years he had a large machine shop. This he sold only when failing health compelled him to give it up. He returned to Orange in 1892 and established a jeweler's store at 13 South Main Street, and was a skillful repairer of clocks and watches. In 1899, on the death of his son Adelbert, he removed to Dorchester, where he died in 1905.

He was married in 1859 to Amelia Elizabeth Keating, who was born in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in 1842. Children: Francis

Jacob, born 1860, married Eva Dell Mason, lives in Stoneham, Mass.; Laura Jeanette, born 1862, died in Dorchester, March 30, 1912; Charles Leander, born 1866, married (1) Louisa Rheinholdtina Helmboldt, (2) Henrietta Helmboldt, and lives in Dorchester; Katherine Mary, born 1870, lives in Dorchester; Amelia Elizabeth, born 1872, died 1877; Frederick Silas, born 1874, married Katherine Vaughan, lives in Warner, N. H.; Adelbert, born 1877, died 1899; Grace Elizabeth, born 1880, lives in Dorchester.

### James Dexter Johnson.

Mustered in, August 12, 1862.

Mustered out, July 12, 1865.

Born in Newark, Vt., November 17, 1833, son of Calvin and Tabitha (Dexter) Johnson. His mother was daughter of James Dexter, who is said to have gone to Vermont from Connecticut.

James D. Johnson was a carpenter by trade and worked in Worcester and the surrounding towns for a few years before the war. At the time of his enlistment he was employed as a foreman in the shop of Parker & Whiting in Coldbrook, engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements. He was transferred July 7, 1863, to Co. C of the 3d regiment, U. S. Veteran Reserve Corps. In this Company he was First Sergeant. He was discharged from the service at the close of the war, at Augusta, Me.

After the war, he returned for a time to the town of Newark, Vt., and purchased a farm. Later he removed to West Burke, Vt., where he purchased another farm, and in company with another man purchased a saw and grist mill. It was in this mill that he met with an accident on the board saw, on April 26, 1878, which resulted in his death on the following day.

October 20, 1858, he was married to Emeline Augusta Wright, sister of George C. Wright, the well-known coffee and spice manufacturer of Boston (Dwinnell, Wright Co.). Children: Carrie Augusta Flint, born September 18, 1860, now of Clinton, Mass.; Fred Dexter, born April 9, 1863, now of Worcester,

Mass.; Jennie Ella Swallow, born February 1, 1867, now living at Exeter, N. H.; Edson Bert, born November 6, 1871; Ada Alida, born July 28, 1873, deceased; Alma Iola Cunningham, born July 26, 1876, deceased.

Edson Bert Johnson is a counsellor at law, with offices in Worcester and Barre; residence at 18 Oread Street, Worcester.

Mrs. Johnson is still living, and is in very good health, though seventy-nine years of age.

### Henry I. Macomber.

Mustered in, August 2, 1862.

Mustered out, June 8, 1865.

Born in Oakham, December 5, 1845, son of John J. and Abigail (Packard) Macomber, and brother of John Macomber of the Mass. 31st, of Major George B. Macomber of the Mass. 34th, and of James Macomber of the Mass. 51st.

Henry I. Macomber was a carpenter and learned the trade of his father. He enlisted with his brother William at the age of seventeen and was appointed Corporal. He was wounded June 3, 1864, at Cold Harbor, but returned to duty and continued through the war.

After the war, he followed his trade of carpenter, residing in Oakham, where he died August 19, 1870.

### William Macomber.

Mustered in, August 2, 1862.

Mustered out, June 8, 1865.

Born in Oakham, June 10, 1847, son of John J. and Abigail (Packard) Macomber.

William Macomber learned the trade of carpenter from his father and was working with him when he enlisted, at the age of fifteen. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal, and later was made Sergeant. In the assault on the breastworks at Petersburg on the morning of January 17, 1864, the color

bearer of the regiment, Sergeant Stevens, was severely wounded; Sergeant Macomber seized the colors and bore them through the action, and served as color bearer from that time till the close of the war.

After the war, he followed his trade in Paxton and Hudson.

October 23, 1873, he was married to Clara J. Parker of Paxton, and had eight children, the first two born in Paxton, the others in Hudson: Arthur, September 27, 1874; Bertrand, September 17, 1878; Clarence, July 16, 1881; George, October 10, 1883; Onata, August 26, 1885; Ralph, March 28, 1887; Sadie, June 8, 1889; Paul, May 26, 1892.

Sergeant William Macomber died August 10, 1907, in Hudson.

Major Fairbank said of these two brothers: "Where the danger was greatest, the Macomers were always pluckiest."

### Lewis T. Pellett.

Mustered in, August 4, 1862.

Mustered out, January 8, 1865.

Born in Canterbury, Conn., May 25, 1834. He came to Oakham in 1854, was employed as bootmaker for several years, and afterward in farm work.

When the 36th regiment was being recruited, he was living on the Spooner place with Charles L. Haskell, and enlisted with him in the same company and regiment, continuing in the service to the close of the war.

After returning from the war, he lived in Oakham, and in Canterbury, Windham, and Scotland, Conn.

In August, 1854, he was married to Ruth E. Chamberlain, sister of Lieutenant Edward Chamberlain. She was born October 7, 1840, in Holden. They had two children:

Hannah E., born October 11, 1856, married George Dewey, has two sons, and lives in Millbury, Mass.

Ruth E., born December 7, 1859, married Mr. Lee, and had two daughters. Mrs. Lee died in Worcester, Mass., May 29, 1913.

Mrs. Ruth Pellett died in Oakham, December 7, 1859, and Mr. Pellett was again married, in January, 1861, to Ellen E. Davis, sister of Mrs. Charles H. Trowbridge. They had nine children:

Caroline T., born November 5, 1862, in Oakham, married George Gordon and lives in Gardner, Mass.

Frederick B., born October 15, 1866, in Canterbury, is married, has two children, and lives in Scotland, Conn.

Herbert O., born April 5, 1868, in Canterbury, lives in Scotland, Conn.

Henry L., born May 11, 1870, is married and lives in Herkimer, N. Y.

Benjamin C., born October 26, 1871, in Scotland, lives in Gardner, Mass.

Elonzo W., born August 15, 1874, in Scotland, lives in Plainfield, Conn.

Leonard W., born March 3, 1876, in Windham, died April 7, 1876.

Lewis E., born October 15, 1878, in Windham, is married, has three children, and lives in Gardner, Mass. He was a soldier in the Spanish War.

Joseph A., born September 12, 1879, in Windham, lives in Franklin, Conn.

Mrs. Pellett died in April, 1880, in Windham.

Mr. Lewis T. Pellett died in Windham, May 31, 1885.

### Daniel Rawson.

Mustered in, August 4, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born in Oakham, May 27, 1824, son of Daniel and Clarissa (Fairbank) Rawson. His father, Daniel Rawson, came to Oakham from North Brookfield between 1820 and 1823. He was the son of Levi Rawson, born March 27, 1748, in Mendon, Mass., who married for his second wife Mrs. Nancy Fairbank, who became stepmother to Daniel Rawson and was own mother to his wife, Clarissa Fairbank. Clarissa Fairbank was daughter of Laban and Nancy (Wheelock) Fairbank. Her father, Laban Fairbank, born in Dedham, October 1, 1755, was son of Samuel Fairbank, a Revolutionary soldier.



Daniel Rawson was a farmer living in Oakham, when at the age of thirty-eight he enlisted in the 36th regiment. He survived the hardships of army life just one year, and died of disease, August 4, 1863, at Baltimore, Md.

He was married to Mrs. Rachel Whittemore and had four children, all born in Oakham: Clarissa E., July 25, 1856; Abbie Maria, November 1, 1857; Annie F., September 7, 1859; Emily A., April 26, 1862.

After Mr. Rawson's death, the family lived at the Belknap place.

### Barzillai Miles Reed.

Mustered in, August 12, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born in Oakham, January 10, 1834. His father was Lewis H. Reed, who lived on the place now owned by George Morse. Lewis Reed was the son of Silas Reed and brother of Rev. Andrew and Deacon Cheney Reed. Comrade Reed's mother, Mary R. Miles, was daughter of Barzillai and Sarah (Reed) Miles of Rutland.

Barzillai Miles Reed was living on the farm left by his father when, at the age of twenty-eight, he enlisted in Co. K, 36th Mass. He received wounds in the action at Campbell's Station, November 16, 1863, from which he never recovered. When the regiment left Knoxville, he was detailed as nurse at the Court House Hospital, where he died, January 17, 1864.

May 13, 1858, he was married to Mary E. Foster of Barre, and had two children born in Oakham: William Leroy, October 17, 1859; Susan Elizabeth, September 13, 1861.

William Leroy Reed was married, November 17, 1886, at West Brookfield, Mass., to Jennie Louise Holt, and has one son, Leroy Kendall Reed, born September 21, 1887, at Worcester. Leroy Kendall Reed was married, October 10, 1911, at Hartford, Conn., to Rose Pauline Wollenhaupt of Rochester, N. Y. He is window dresser for the Jordan Marsh Company of Boston.

Susan Elizabeth Reed was married at Providence, R. I., September 2, 1886, to Herbert Carleton. They have had three chil-

dren: Albert Sawyer Carleton, born July 21, 1887, at Worcester, died in the same city, July 30, 1903; Walter Herbert Carleton, born February 17, 1890, in Worcester; Lucy May Carleton, born April 30, 1894, in Leicester, Mass., married June 25, 1913, at Worcester, to Christian Charles Brenneman of Shippingport, Penn.

Mrs. Mary E. Reed lives in Worcester: address Bloomingdale Hospital.

### Edwin Charles Spooner.

Mustered in, July 30, 1862.

Discharged, March 22, 1865.

Born January 5, 1824, in Oakham, son of Deacon Andrew and Sally (Adams) Spooner, and brother of Albert Spooner of the 25th Mass. and of Andrew Spooner of the 51st Mass.

Edwin C. Spooner, by occupation a farmer, enlisted at the age of thirty-eight. While he was in the war, his family lived on the Charles Keith farm. After the close of the war, he lived three years in New Braintree. In 1871 he returned to the Keith farm, where he remained till 1880. In 1883 he purchased the Stephen Lincoln farm on the old turnpike, and lived there till his death. This farm is still owned by his descendants.

April 11, 1848, he married Almira Ann Davis, daughter of Solomon Davis of New Braintree. They had five children, all born in Oakham: Charles Andrew, February 23, 1849; Martha Ann, August 25, 1854; Olive Francena, June 15, 1856; Arthur Buss, October 3, 1860; Frank Edwin, May 26, 1862, died April 20, 1869.

Charles A. Spooner was married to Sarah D. Wilder of Gardner, November 27, 1872, and had three children: Eddie, born November 22, 1873, died May 15, 1888; Fannie, born January 22, 1877, married October 9, 1895, to Raynor Upham of Rutland, died February 18, 1897, leaving one child, Lillian, born September 20, 1896; George, born January 28, 1881, married August 20, 1904, to Bessie Upham of Gardner.





LIEUTENANT EDWARD CHAMBERLAIN  
36th Mass. Infantry



CHARLES HAYNES STEARNS  
36th Mass. Infantry



BARZILLAI MILES REED  
36th Mass. Infantry



LABAN F. RAWSON  
40th Mass. Infantry

Martha A. Spooner was married January 1, 1874, to William O. Warren of Oakham, a woodworker and later a shoemaker. Children: Ella M., born August 5, 1875, married W. Kenneth Nichols June 4, 1902, and had one boy, Warren Nichols, born February 21, 1904, died November 5, 1912; Ida M., born December 11, 1876, died December 18, 1883; Frank E., born June 14, 1879, died August 2, 1881; Eva F., born October 10, 1881, died December 27, 1883; Florence B., born September 14, 1883; Albion W., born September 30, 1885; Carrie M., born July 9, 1887; Hazel O., born June 24, 1890.

Mrs. Almira Ann Spooner died in Oakham, April 30, 1900.

Mr. Edwin C. Spooner died in Oakham, March 25, 1904.

## Charles Haynes Stearns.

Mustered in, August 15, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born March 28, 1836, in Oakham, son of Isaac Stearns. His mother was Betsy Bent of Sudbury, who first married A. Josiah Stone of Grafton. They removed to Oakham, where Mr. Stone died October 13, 1823. After his death, Mrs. Stone married Isaac Stearns, who was born in Waltham, January 19, 1786, and died in Oakham May 3, 1837. Isaac Stearns was son of Jonathan and Mary Bigelow Stearns.

Charles H. Stearns learned the trade of wheelwright with Nahum P. Humphrey of Oakham, for whom he was working when he enlisted at the age of twenty-seven. He died of disease September 15, 1863, at Crab Orchard, Ky. At the time of his death Major Fairbank wrote: "Stearns was a faithful, honest soldier, always in his place and of good habits. He is as truly a martyr to his country's cause as if he had been killed in battle."

May 12, 1858, he was married to Melancy Dennison Dean, daughter of Elijah and Delotia (Eastman) Dean and sister of Seth and Daniel W. Dean, who influenced Stearns to enlist with them in Co. K. Two children were born in Oakham: Emma Maria, September 22, 1859; Charles Daniel, January 4, 1863.

Mrs. Stearns and the children are now living in Pasadena, Cal.

### Daniel W. Dean.

Mustered in, August 8, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born July 28, 1843, son of Elijah and Delotia (Eastman) Dean.

He enlisted at the age of nineteen, with his brother Seth Dean, in the 36th regiment, for the town of New Braintree. Both died during the first six months. Daniel, after an attack of measles, returned to the regiment, though really unfit for duty. On the march in November, 1862, he fell out by the wayside and was never heard from.

### Seth Dean.

Mustered in, August 8, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born February 23, 1838, in Oakham, son of Elijah and Delotia (Eastman) Dean. He was the brother of Samuel Dean, and of Isaiah Dean of the 21st Mass.

Seth Dean enlisted for the town of New Braintree at the age of twenty-three, by occupation a farmer.

He died at Aqua Creek, Va., January 28, 1863.

### William Ware.

Mustered in, August 7, 1862.

Mustered out, 1865.

Born in Oakham, March 28, 1828, son of James B. and Betsy (Capen) Ware, and brother of Henry H. Ware of the 25th Mass.

William Ware enlisted at the age of thirty-four, for the town of Paxton, in Co. K, 36th Mass. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, from which he was mustered out at the close of the war.

After his return he lived in Brookfield, where he was married to Miss Flagg of that town, by whom he had one daughter. Mr. Ware died many years ago.



## 39th Mass. Infantry.

## Asahel Bullard.

Mustered in, July 13, 1863.  
Mustered out, May 25, 1865.

Born in Oakham, March 13, 1831, son of Joel and Nancy (Dwight) Bullard, and brother of William H. Bullard of the 25th Mass.

Asahel Bullard was a farmer and lived with his brother, Sanford Henry Bullard, on the Silas Bullard place. In the summer of 1863 he entered the army, at the age of thirty-two, and was assigned to Co. D, 39th Mass. He was taken prisoner and kept for many months in the Salisbury, Belle-isle, and Libby prisons. When released, he was so enfeebled by prison fare that he was not expected to recover.

At the close of the war he returned to Oakham and lived on the Silas Bullard farm for the remainder of his life.

He died in Oakham, of pneumonia, March 10, 1904.

## Elijah C. Dean.

Mustered in, July 13, 1863.  
Mustered out, May 25, 1865.

Born in Oakham, in the original Waterman house, near Wolf Meadow dam, son of John and Prudence (Eastman) Dean. His father was son of Elijah Dean, and brother of Elijah Dean, Jr.

Elijah C. Dean entered the service in the summer of 1863 and was assigned to Co. C, 39th Mass. This regiment joined the Army of the Potomac in 1864, was active at the Wilderness, May 4 to 6, was engaged at Spottsylvania, reached Petersburg on the morning of June 17, took part in the movement to the Weldon Railroad in August, and at Hatcher's Run in February, 1865.

After the war, Mr. Dean lived in Oakham till his death, which occurred December 1, 1886.

**40th Mass. Infantry.**

Laban F. Rawson.

Mustered in, August 23, 1862.

Died in the service.

Born in Oakham, April 3, 1829, son of Daniel and Clarissa (Fairbank) Rawson, and brother of Daniel Rawson of the 36th Mass.

Laban F. Rawson was a farmer living on the John Clark place when he enlisted, at the age of thirty-two, in Co. A of the 40th Mass. The 40th regiment was organized at Lynnfield in the summer of 1862, left the state September 8, and remained on picket and guard duty in the vicinity of Washington during the winter of 1862-63. It returned to Washington July 11, joined the Army of the Potomac in the pursuit of Lee's army into Virginia, and was ordered August 6 to Folly Island, S. C., where Laban F. Rawson died, September 29, 1863.

He was married to Mary Bullen and had five children: Joseph; Herbert; Emma; George H., born June 12, 1857; and Frank.

**42d Mass. Infantry.**

Sylvander Bothwell.

Mustered in, September 30, 1862.

Mustered out, August 20, 1863.

Born in Oakham, February 10, 1828, son of Cheney and Charlotte (Rockwood) Bothwell, and great-grandson of Alexander Bothwell, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, who served in several campaigns in the War of the Revolution. Sylvander Bothwell was twin brother of Sylvester Bothwell, who removed to Barre, and was for many years Deputy Sheriff of Worcester County.

Sylvander Bothwell removed to North Brookfield when about twenty-one years of age, and established a provision market. August 20, 1862, at the age of thirty-four, he enlisted in Co. F, 42d Mass., and was appointed Corporal. The regiment was sent to New Orleans, and assigned to the Department of the Gulf.

After the war, he lived in North Brookfield and was honored with the offices of Constable, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, Tax Collector, and Trial Justice, which office gave him the title of Judge.

He was married, (1) May 30, 1850, to Martha A. Mead of North Brookfield; (2) April 21, 1867, to Mrs. Lizzie J. Poland of North Brookfield. Children: Ernst S., born June 17, 1853, now a resident of Augusta, Ga.; Sylvester Rockwood, born December 30, 1869, died May 11, 1874.

Sylvander Bothwell died in North Brookfield, December 4, 1901.

### John Flint Boyd.

Mustered in, July 22, 1862.

Mustered out, May 5, 1864.

Born in Oakham, September 10, 1846, son of Isaac M. and Annis (Poland) Boyd. His father was son of Cheney and Susan (Flint) Boyd, and grandson of James Boyd, a Revolutionary soldier who lived in the southern part of the town, on the old South County Road, on the farm now owned by W. H. Parkman.

John F. Boyd enlisted for the town of North Brookfield, at the age of eighteen, in Co. E, 42d Mass. After his discharge from the 42d, he reënlisted in Captain Potter's Co., 62d Mass.

After returning from the war, he went to Omaha, and from there to Texas, where he was a dealer in live stock until 1874. In the latter part of this year he returned to Omaha and, in 1880, became Superintendent of the South Omaha Stock Yards, which position he held till 1890, when he was elected Sheriff of Douglas County.

He was married to Abbie F. Lovell, daughter of Jonathan Lovell of Oakham, November 12, 1874, and had four children:

Leon L., born July 7, 1877, at Omaha, married in 1904, now a broker residing in Kansas City, Mo.

Mabel A., born September 12, 1879, in Omaha, married in 1900 to Brainard Smith of North Brookfield, a stockbroker.

Lulu P., born December 5, 1881, at Council Bluffs, married in 1904 to Charles Canon, a manufacturer.

Bessie M., born June 13, 1883, at Council Bluffs, died May 26, 1895.

Mr. John F. Boyd died at Omaha, January 26, 1892.

### Nathaniel Newton Brooks.

Mustered in, September 30, 1862.

Mustered out, August 20, 1863.

Born November 27, 1828, in Worcester, Mass., son of Nathaniel and Mary (Chadwick) Brooks.

In the summer of 1862 Nathaniel N. Brooks enlisted, at the age of twenty-three, from the city of Worcester, in Co. E of the 42d Mass. and served with the regiment till August, 1863, when he was discharged at the expiration of his term of service.

After his return from the army he continued his occupation of stone mason in Worcester, Holden and Oakham. He came to Oakham in 1867, lived for a few years on the Dr. Spencer Field place, and afterward for twenty years at the North Four Corners in the house built by Samuel Holden. April 2, 1897, he purchased of N. Wendell Packard the house in the village of Oakham in which his son-in-law, Sibley Woodis, now resides.

In 1854 Mr. Brooks was married to Amy Ann Allen of Grafton, Mass. Children:

Minnie Louise Brooks, born in Worcester, December 14, 1856, married August 30, 1880, to Sibley Field Woodis, son of Field and Sabra Wiswell (Sibley) Woodis.

William Nathaniel Brooks, born in Worcester, August 7, 1858, married April 11, 1886, to Evelyn N. Pinney of Glastonbury, Conn. Children: Carlos Nathaniel, born in Worcester, January 5, 1888, died in Scranton, Penn., October 5, 1903; Allan Grant and Ralph Pinney, twins, born July 4, 1890, died in Worcester, Allan, August 2, and Ralph, August 7, 1890. Mrs. Evelyn Brooks died in Scranton February 7, 1903, and Mr. Brooks was again married, March 7, 1906, to Josephyne Wells Courtright of Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Children: Nathaniel Courtright, born

in Wilkes-Barre, January 9, 1908; Clararuth, born in Scranton, April 3, 1909.

Jennie Allen Brooks, born in Oakham, January 30, 1861, died in Oakham October 16, 1880.

Mrs. Nathaniel N. Brooks died in Oakham, May 17, 1890, aged fifty-four years.

Mr. Brooks died in Oakham, June 25, 1897, aged sixty-nine years.

### Joseph Sylvester Bruce.

Mustered in, November 1, 1862.

Mustered out, August 20, 1863.

Address, Barre, Mass.

Born October 15, 1841, in Petersham, Mass., son of Joseph F. and Abigail (Richmond) Bruce.

Joseph S. Bruce enlisted from the town of Barre, in the late summer of 1862, at the age of twenty-one, by occupation a blacksmith, in Co. K, 42d Mass., and served till September, 1863.

Since his return from the war, he has followed his occupation in Hubbardston from 1867 to 1872, in Oakham from 1872 to 1885, and since 1885 in Barre.

January 14, 1864, he was married in Barre to Hannah Jane Chamberlin, youngest daughter of Lyman and Celia (Williams) Chamberlin. Children:

Harry Sylvester Bruce, born September 5, 1865, married June 26, 1901, to Sophronia Kimball. They had one child who died in infancy. Harry S. Bruce is a teacher of manual training, and resides in Barre.

Walter Jay Bruce, born in Hubbardston, August 23, 1868, married July 27, 1902, to Mary Burnett. They have had three children, all born in Oakham: Joseph S., in 1902, died same year; Doris Bruce, April 11, 1903; Joseph Walter, January 25, 1906.

Edith May Bruce, born in Hubbardston, July 31, 1872.

Bessie Louise Bruce, born in Oakham, March 28, 1876, married May 16, 1895, to Clarence A. Stone, who died November 28, 1906.

## Charles S. Knight.

Mustered in, September 30, 1862.

Discharged, November 26, 1862.

Name changed from Joshua Lawrence Knight. Born in Oakham, October 11, 1818, son of Silas and Abiah E. (Richmond) Knight, and brother of Hiram Knight of North Brookfield. His father, Silas Knight, was grandson of Silas Knight, who was born in Sudbury, May 5, 1757, and who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Charles S. Knight began his career as a school-teacher in the winter of 1839-40, with forty-eight pupils, in the West Center District in Oakham, and continued to teach for several years in this and other towns, removing to Leicester in 1844, where he was installed as Principal of the first High School started in Leicester township. Later he was in business in Leicester for a number of years as a manufacturer of carriages. He served the town of Leicester as Constable, Assessor, Collector, Treasurer, member of the School Committee, and Selectman. In 1862, at the age of forty-four, he enlisted in the 42d Mass., but was physically unable to endure the hardships of camp life and was discharged at the end of a month.

After the war, he was in business in New York City till 1875. He was Warden of the North Brookfield Town Farm till 1882, when he bought a farm in North Brookfield, on which he lived till his death, September 11, 1893.

He was married, (1) May 21, 1846, to Anna S. Howard of Leicester, who died February 19, 1856; (2) November 16, 1860, to Louisa A. Edwards of Leicester. Children:

Charles A. H., born in Leicester January 17, 1849, died September 25, 1849.

Ruth W., born in Leicester February 7, 1851, died in Worcester, April, 1897.

Fred, born in Leicester September 23, 1853, married September 20, 1880, to Abbie E. Chase of Worcester, now connected with the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Frank, born in Leicester February 3, 1856, died April 11, 1856.



Cora B., born in Leicester August 4, 1864, now Mrs. Parkman T. Denny of Leicester.

James Arthur, born in Leicester October 9, 1867, died in North Brookfield March 30, 1883.

Charles Lester, born December 20, 1869, in Leicester, married in April, 1896, to Ina I. Richardson of North Brookfield, now a carpenter in Fairfield, Conn.

Louesa May, born in New York December 22, 1871, died there July 8, 1875.

Jennie L., born in North Brookfield March 1, 1878, Librarian of the Levi Heywood Memorial Library of Gardner, Mass., till her death, December 3, 1912.

### Charles E. Warren.

Died in the service.

Son of Eber H. and Miriam (Gibbs) Warren, and brother of Corporal Jonathan G. Warren of the 25th Mass., was born in Oakham, December 2, 1846.

While living in Hardwick on a farm, he enlisted, at the age of eighteen, in the 42d regiment. \*Soon after going South, he was poisoned while on a foraging expedition. He was sent home, and died in Oakham, November 28, 1864, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joseph Blake.

### 44th Mass. Infantry.

#### John Adams.

Mustered in, September 12, 1862.

Discharged, June 18, 1863.

Reënlisted, April 6, 1864.

Mustered out, July 30, 1865.

Born in Oakham, April 4, 1827, son of Dr. Charles and Sarah (McAlister) Adams. Dr. Charles Adams was born in Brookfield, February 13, 1782, and was a descendant in the sixth generation of Henry Adams who came from England to America about 1630 and settled in what is now Quincy. He was educated at Leicester Academy and studied medicine with Dr. Asa Walker of Barre. Dr. Adams settled, as a

physician, in Antrim, N. H., in 1807. On the death of Dr. Seth Fobes in 1816, he removed to Oakham, where he continued in practice till his death, March 6, 1875. John Adams was brother of Charles Adams, Treasurer of the State of Massachusetts. His sister Charlotte, born in Antrim May 21, 1813, married John F. Howard of Boston, November 1, 1835, and was the mother of Charles F. Howard of Co. H, 25th Mass.

John Adams was a bookkeeper for the North Brookfield firm of T. & E. Batcheller, at their sales room in Boston, when he enlisted for the term of nine months, from Winchester, Mass., in Co. G, 44th Regiment. This regiment was sent to Newbern, N. C., and took part in the expedition to Goldsboro in December, 1862.

After his discharge from the 44th, he enlisted again from Oakham in Co. K, 57th Mass. Perhaps no regiment suffered more than did the 57th between April, 1864, and July, 1865. They went through the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Courthouse, North Anna, Cold Harbor, and the first and second battles of Petersburg. The regiment met with terrible destruction in the crater at Petersburg, July 30, when four thousand Union soldiers were sacrificed through the incapacity and cowardice of the division commanders.

After the war, John Adams took up again his old occupation of bookkeeper with the Batchellers. Later he was with the woolen company at Dennyville (now South Barre), and for several years with the Lakeville Woolen Company at West Rutland, where he died, November 28, 1889.

He was married, October 14, 1860, to Marietta Pierce of Boston.

#### 46th Mass. Infantry.

Payson Brainerd Humphrey.

Mustered in, September 25, 1862.

Mustered out, July 29, 1863.

Address, City Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

Born in Oakham, May 19, 1841, son of Nahum P. and Mariah Louise (Martin) Humphrey. His father, born in Littleton March 1, 1810, a carriage manufacturer in Oakham for twenty-five years, was a member

of the Congregational Church and a prominent citizen. He was Postmaster under President Lincoln, Selectman in 1848 and 1850, and represented Oakham in the Massachusetts Legislature in 1856. In 1864 he removed to Springfield, where he was in the employ of the Boston and Albany Railroad. He died March 6, 1908, at the age of ninety-eight years.

Payson B. Humphrey went to Springfield in 1857 and became a salesman in the house of D. H. Brigham & Company, and had the reputation of being one of the best salesmen in the city. He enlisted in Springfield, September 25, 1862, in Co. A, 46th Mass. This regiment was ordered to Newbern, N. C., and took part in the Goldsboro expedition in December, 1862. It was sent to Fortress Monroe June 24, and after doing guard duty at Baltimore, joined the Army of the Potomac and moved with it into Virginia.

After leaving the army, Mr. Humphrey continued as a clothing salesman with D. H. Brigham & Company in Springfield.

He was married to Mrs. Orpha Fiske about 1869, and still resides in Springfield.

### Joseph Joslyn.

Mustered in, September 25, 1862.

Mustered out, July 29, 1863.

Born April 13, 1839, at Perkins, Ohio. His father, James Joslyn, son of Joseph and Nabby Joslyn, was born in New Braintree, November 1, 1803. He went to Bethany, N. Y., and later to Perkins, Ohio, from which place he came to Oakham in 1840 and lived on the Joseph Chaddock place till 1852, when he went to California. He died in Springfield, Mass., in 1880. Capt. Joseph Joslyn, the father of James, was born in Lancaster, July 4, 1776, and died in 1814, in Pelham, Mass.

Joseph Joslyn went from Oakham to Springfield with his mother and brother Charles in 1854, and was employed as a bookkeeper in the business house of Tinkham & Company. In 1858 he came to Oakham and gave the young men of the town their first instruction in gymnastics. This resulted in improved physical development for many of them. He enlisted September 25, 1862, in Co. A, 46th Mass.

After leaving the army, he returned to his former occupation of bookkeeper in Springfield, Mass. November 12, 1863, he was married to Orianna P. Humphrey, daughter of Nahum P. Humphrey and sister of Payson B. Humphrey of Oakham, his tent-mate in the army. They had three children, born in Springfield:

Payson H., born November 24, 1864, died August 9, 1894.

George B., born May 19, 1866, married October 30, 1895, to Sophie Stebbins. Address, 60 Garfield Street, Springfield, Mass.

Marshall, born December 19, 1870, died of meningitis, September 10, 1910, in Yokohama, Japan, where he was manager for the plant of the American Graphophone Record Company.

Joseph Joslyn went west about 1872, and died in Loudon, Tenn., September 22, 1890.

### 51st Mass. Infantry.

The 51st regiment, recruited in Worcester County in the summer and autumn of 1862, was mustered into service September 25 to November 11, left the state November 25, under command of Colonel A. B. R. Sprague, arrived at Beaufort November 30, moved to Newbern, and was assigned to Colonel Amory's Brigade. It took part in the expedition to Goldsboro in the early part of December. Companies B and F were detached from January 5 to February 15 for picket duty on the Neuse Road, three miles above Fort Totten. The regiment served from March 3 to May 4 on garrison duty along the line of the railroad from the Trent River to the Seaboard. Companies E and F were located at Beaufort, N. C., and had quarters in the Front Street House. The regiment returned to Newbern May 4, and on June 24 it was ordered to Fortress Monroe. Volunteering for further service after its term of enlistment had expired, it was sent to Baltimore, joined the Army of the Potomac near Hagerstown, and took part in the pursuit of General Lee's army into Virginia.

## Wilder E. Dean.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Address, North Brookfield, Mass.

Born August 14, 1841, son of Elijah, Jr., and Mary M. (Goodale) Dean. He was by occupation a farmer, and enlisted at the age of twenty-one.

Since his return from the war, he has resided in North Brookfield. For ten years he was in the meat business, and has since been a carpenter and builder. He held the office of Constable thirty-two years, is a member of Post 51, G. A. R., and has been Commander three years; is also a member of Woodbine Lodge 180, I. O. O. F., and is Vice Grand.

December 24, 1871, he was married to Lucella L. Woodis, and has had two children:

George A., born June 29, 1872; married October 10, 1901, to Florence A. Gilbert of North Brookfield. He is First Assistant Manager in the main office of the American Express Co. at Springfield, Mass., and resides at 106 Washington Road, Forest Park.

David W., born January 12, 1877; died March 26, 1902, in North Carolina, where he had gone with his father and mother for his health.

## Edwin Sprague Gould.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Reënlisted, July 15, 1864.

Discharged, November 27, 1864.

Address, 226 Pine St., Providence, R. I.

Born in New Braintree, Mass., February 20, 1844, the youngest of eight children of Rufus and Mary (Henry) Gould, and brother of John Williams Gould of the 25th Mass.

Edwin S. Gould left Williston Seminary, where he had gone in 1861 with his brother John and a companion, L. D. Wood, and enlisted in Co. F, 51st Mass., at the age of nineteen. On December 11, 1862, while on the Goldsboro expedition, he had

a severe sunstroke, from which he has never fully recovered. He was discharged at the expiration of his term of service. In the summer of 1864, he enlisted again, in Co. F, 60th Mass., and was made Corporal.

After returning from his second enlistment in the fall of 1864, he resumed his studies at Phillips Academy, Andover, but in 1865 gave up further study in preparation for college by the advice of his oculist. He did newspaper work on the *Hartford Courant* and *Post*, and on the *Worcester Gazette* and *Advertiser*, for about four years, when he entered the Hartford Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1872. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Richmond Street Free Congregational Church in Providence, R. I., October 1, 1873. Subsequently he preached at West Brookfield for nearly five years, and was called from the church there to what is now the Humphrey Street Congregational Church in New Haven, Conn., but decided not to accept the call.

In July, 1883, he suffered severely from a railroad accident in New York, and since that misfortune has not felt equal to the full work of a pastor, but preached at Woonsocket, R. I., from 1886 to 1889, and at Athol, Mass., from 1890 to 1896. He was for many years Department Chaplain of the Rhode Island G. A. R., and visited and addressed nearly all the Posts in the state.

He was married, October 20, 1875, to Phebe S. Gladding, a teacher in one of the Providence schools. She died September 2, 1899, at Danielson, Conn., where Mr. and Mrs. Gould had spent much of their time when on vacation.

### James Packard Macomber.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Died in the army.

Born in Oakham, August 26, 1843, son of John J. and Abigail (Packard) Macomber.

James Macomber enlisted at the age of nineteen. He died of congestive chills at Newbern, January 17, 1863. The company



was at Camp Sprague, a small log-house camp on the Neuse Road, three miles above Fort Totten, where Cos. F and B were stationed on picket duty. On the afternoon of Thursday, January 15, he was taken suddenly ill, and on Friday he was removed to the Stanley General Hospital at Newbern, where he died on the following day. He was the first man in Co. F to die in the service, and his sudden death from disease, when he had been apparently in perfect health, made an impression on the company that was not soon forgotten.

When there was need of more men, James Macomber followed his four brothers and enlisted. Like them, he was a good soldier, brave, prompt, faithful, never absent from duty, glad always to do more than his share.

### William Henry Maynard.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Born in Oakham April 28, 1843, son of Artemas and Caroline Maria (Taylor) Maynard. His father was grandson of Francis Maynard, a tailor who came to Oakham from Rutland before 1777 and purchased the farm which has continued to be the home of the Maynard family till the present day. His mother was daughter of Roswell and Isabella (Hammond) Taylor, and was born in Spencer, Mass. After her mother's death, she lived with her aunt, Mrs. Aurelia (Hammond) Maynard (wife of Ezra Maynard), in a house on the old Turnpike, a little east of the schoolhouse.

William Henry Maynard was working with his father on the farm at the time of his enlistment, at the age of nineteen. In the spring following his return from the army, he went to Worcester and was employed for a time in a grocery store. In 1867 he began work with Burbank & Howland. Three years later he and Gough bought out Howland, and the business was continued under the name of A. L. Burbank & Co., till 1872, when Burbank withdrew and the firm of Maynard, Gough & Co. was formed. They were printers and blank book makers, and their specialty was hotel registers. After Mr. Maynard's

death the business was incorporated under the name of the Maynard-Gough Company.

He was married January 16, 1889, to Dora Melinda Perham of Worcester, and had two children, both of whom died young: Marion, born May 25, 1890, died February 20, 1896; William Henry, born August 3, 1891, died December 25, 1891.

Mr. Maynard died of pneumonia, May 26, 1891. He was noted for his kindness and liberality toward the men in his employ. One day a workman came to him and asked to have a costly accident for which he was responsible charged to his account and the loss taken from his wages. Mr. Maynard replied: "You are a poor man, and have only what you earn by hard work. You are honest and faithful; we all make mistakes. Not a cent will be taken from your wages for this accident."

### George Marshall Ross.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Address, Coldbrook Springs, Mass.

Born April 9, 1840, in Oakham. His father, David Sumner Ross, was born in West Brookfield, October 3, 1808, son of Ansel and Hannah (Crowell) Ross, and grandson of John Ross, a Revolutionary soldier. The Ross family lived in West Brookfield for several generations, and were among the early settlers of the town. David S. Ross came to Oakham from Ware about 1837. He was Overseer of the Poor and Assessor for many years, Selectman for seven years, represented the town in the Legislature in the years 1854 and 1855, and was delegate from Oakham to the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention in 1853. The mother of George M. Ross was Ann (Packard) Ross, daughter of Parley Packard, and granddaughter of Nehemiah Packard, a Revolutionary soldier who served in the army that besieged Boston in 1777, and in the Northern Army under General Gates in the same year.

George M. Ross, a farmer by occupation, enlisted at the age of twenty-two. After the war he lived for a year each in Ware and Hardwick, spent a year in the west in Nebraska and Colorado, and returned to Oakham in 1867. He went to Warren

the following year, and in 1875 removed to Barre and purchased the Broad Farm, near Coldbrook, on which he still resides.

He was married June 7, 1871, to Eliza J. Skipper of Warren, and has four children: Frank Eugene, born September 14, 1872; Mary Anna, born December 11, 1875; Elsie Louise, born March 11, 1878; Jennie Eliza, born August 24, 1880.

Frank Eugene was graduated in 1896 from the School of Technology in Worcester and is now with the Gilro Machine Company, Oakland, Cal.

Mary Anna and Elsie Louise were graduated from Becker's Business College in 1900. Mary Anna was married October 26, 1904, to Charles C. Camber of Revere, Mass., and has three children: Grace Elizabeth, born May 20, 1907; Stephen Ross, born February 4, 1909; Ruth Weston, born August 18, 1910.

Jennie Eliza was graduated from Burdett's Business College in 1908, and is living with her brother Frank in Oakland.

### Levander D. Sargeant.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Address, North Brookfield, Mass.

Born in Franklin, Mass., February 18, 1844, son of Charles A. and Susan (Brown) Sargeant, and brother of Edward J. Sargeant of the 25th Mass., also of James Sargeant of Oakham, and S. M. Sargeant of Worcester. Charles A. Sargeant was son of Asa S. Sargeant of Franklin.

When the war began, Levander D. Sargeant was working as a shoemaker with his father in Oakham. He enlisted at the age of eighteen.

After his return, he worked at his trade in Oakham till he became of age, and later located in North Brookfield, where he was a machine operator in the Batcheller shoe factory.

He was married October 29, 1874, to Carrie R. Harrington, daughter of Warren and Mary Ann (Gault) Harrington of Oakham.

## Hiram P. Shedd.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Address, 514 W. 24th St., Cedar Falls, Ia.

Born in Oakham, August 8, 1842. His father, Israel Proctor Shedd, was born April 1, 1812, in Springfield, Vt., and died September 26, 1879, in Oakham. He was a member of the Methodist Church and a prominent citizen. He was married April 2, 1839, to Mary Hoar, who was born August 15, 1815, in Templeton, Mass., and died September 29, 1876, in Oakham.

Hiram P. Shedd was working on his father's farm when he enlisted, at the age of twenty. Soon after returning from the war, he removed to North Brookfield. In the early part of 1871, he went west and settled in Marion, Iowa, which had been, for several years, the home of Ames Fobes. Two years later he removed to Cherokee, Iowa.

He was married May 6, 1868, to Lydia Alvira Barr of North Brookfield, who was born July 3, 1849. By this marriage there were three children: Ada Maria, born August 9, 1870, in North Brookfield; Walter Edward, born January 22, 1872, in Marion; Arthur Lyman, born October 25, 1873, in Cherokee.

Mrs. Lydia Shedd died November 25, 1879, in Cherokee, and on December 26, 1883, he was again married to Lizzie Jane Pendleton of Cherokee, who was born March 10, 1856. By this marriage there were four children, all born in Cherokee: Edith Mary, September 20, 1884; Amy Belle, June 28, 1886; Harry Proctor, October 24, 1893; Jesse Edwin, April 2, 1895.

Ada Maria married October 20, 1892, John A. Pendleton of Cherokee, brother of her stepmother, and has seven children, all born in Cherokee: Charles Hiram, October 2, 1893; Mary Belle, August 29, 1895; Ray Arthur, July 9, 1897; Rena Jane, February 9, 1899; Rex Walter, October 23, 1900; Helen Elizabeth, April 16, 1902; and another son, February 12, 1908.

Walter Edward married June A. Linthurst of Loveland, Colo., October 6, 1908. A child, Walter Linthurst, was born October 6, 1909.

Arthur Lyman was married in Cherokee to Emma Pendleton, sister of his stepmother.

### Andrew Spooner.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Born October 22, 1817, in Oakham, son of Deacon Andrew and Sally (Adams) Spooner.

Andrew Spooner was by occupation a farmer, and enlisted at the age of forty-four. After the war he returned to Oakham and followed farming for the remainder of his life. He served the town as Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, and member of the School Committee.

He was married in Paxton, September 10, 1844, to Mary Brown of Leicester, by whom he had four children: Marion Frances, born May 27, 1846, in West Brookfield; Mary Ella, born October 14, 1851; Hattie Ann, born June 3, 1855; Lucien Brown, born January 11, 1857; the last three in Oakham.

Mrs. Mary B. Spooner died December 17, 1857, and he was again married to Eliza Dean, daughter of Dr. John and Nancy (Parks) Dean, December 14, 1864, and had one child: Lilla Bell, born September 4, 1868.

Marion Frances was married to Charles Dayton, June 10, 1872. Mr. Dayton died February 28, 1883, and she was again married, May 19, 1900, to Charles A. Ware of the 6th Unattached Mass. Vol. Militia.

Mary Ella began to teach in the schools of Oakham when fifteen years of age; entered Mount Holyoke College in September, 1868; was made instructor in that institution in 1872, where she continued for twelve years; taught in Oahu College, Honolulu, for seven years; studied in the University of California, and received from that institution in 1893 the degree of Bachelor of Letters. On June 26, 1894, she was married to Julius Waverly Brown of Leicester, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Brown taught five years in New Hampshire, and several years

among the colored people of Virginia, and in the highlands of Kentucky. They now reside in Springfield, Mass.

Hattie Ann married Emory B. F. Draper of Leicester, in November, 1880. Children: Mary Anna, born February 26, 1882, married June 15, 1911, Fred Lester Tucker; Ella Jane, born November 20, 1884, graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1907, missionary under the Baptist Board at Nellore, India, sailed September 21, 1910; Arthur Daniel, born November 1, 1886, graduated from Brown University as Bachelor of Arts in 1909, and resides in Worcester; Walter Emory, born in 1888, educated at Worcester Academy and Cornell University.

Lucien Brown married Flora Blake of Worcester, October, 1880, and has six children: Winifred Grace, born July 26, 1881; Bertha Miller, born August 9, 1883; Mabel Louise, born August 3, 1886; Francis Albert, born October 21, 1888; Wilfred Blake, born April 12, 1897; Mary Brown, born March 31, 1899.

Lilla Bell studied at Northfield Seminary and taught in the public schools of Oakham. She was married August 24, 1893, to Walter M. Robinson, son of John and Ruth Hathaway (Egery) Robinson, and has three children, born in Oakham: Sylvia May Daphene, September 4, 1894, student at Northfield Seminary; John, November 21, 1895, member of the Senior class in the North Brookfield High School; Hazel Dorothy, July 8, 1897, student at Northfield Seminary.

Andrew Spooner died February 10, 1879, in Oakham.

### Henry Parks Wright.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Address, 128 York St., New Haven, Conn.

Born in Winchester, N. H., November 30, 1839, son of Parks and Relief Willard (Woolley) Wright. His father, Parks Wright, was descended from Deacon Samuel Wright, who was in Springfield in 1639. His mother was daughter of Dr. David Woolley, of Hinsdale, N. H., a Revolutionary soldier, and was granddaughter of Capt. John Crawford, of Oakham, also a Revolutionary soldier.



After the death of his father and mother, Henry P. Wright came, in January, 1846, with his grandmother, Mrs. Hannah (Crawford) Woolley, to Oakham. He was for several years a teacher in the district and select schools of Oakham, and twenty-four of the soldiers in the Civil War had been his pupils. When the war began, he was a student in Phillips Academy, at Andover. At the end of Middle year, he left the Academy and enlisted. On November 4, 1862, he was appointed Sergeant. He was clerk of Co. F, and served as Assistant Quartermaster to the detachment when the company was on picket duty with Co. B on the Neuse Road, three miles above Fort Totten, near Newbern, N. C., and when on provost duty with Co. E at Beaufort, N. C.

After returning home, he taught in Oakham during the fall and winter, finished his preparation for college under Rev. F. N. Peloubet (then settled over the Congregational Church in Oakham), entered Yale College in September, 1864, and was graduated as Bachelor of Arts in the Class of 1868. After teaching one year in the Chickering Institute in Cincinnati, he was appointed Tutor in Yale College and continued a member of the Yale Faculty for forty years. He was made Assistant Professor of Latin, in 1871, and Professor, in 1876. In 1884 he was appointed Dean of Yale College by President Porter, and served in that capacity for twenty-five years. He received the degree of Ph.D. at Yale in 1876, and the honorary degree of LL.D. from Union in 1895.

Mr. Wright is a Trustee of the Connecticut College for Women at New London, and of the Hopkins Grammar School at New Haven, and is a member of the Committee on the Civil War Memorial to be erected at Yale.

He was married, July 7, 1874, to Martha Elizabeth Burt, daughter of Alfred E. Burt of Oakham, and has had four children: Alice Lincoln, born July 13, 1875, in Oakham; Henry Burt, born January 29, 1877, in New Haven; Alfred Parks, born January 5, 1880, in New Haven; Ellsworth, born August 22, 1884, in Oakham.

Alice received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College in 1897, and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Yale in 1901. She is a teacher of English in the State Normal School in New Haven.

Henry was graduated as Bachelor of Arts from Yale in 1898, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1903, and is now Assistant Professor of History in Yale College. July 24, 1907, he was married to Josephine Lemira Hayward, daughter of Dr. Joseph Warren Hayward of Taunton, Mass.

Alfred received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Yale in 1901. He died in New Haven May 20, 1901.

### Sabin Aldis Morse.

Mustered in, October 14, 1862.

Mustered out, July 27, 1863.

Born in Oakham, August 18, 1827, son of Eliakim and Lucinda (Pond) Morse, and a descendant in the seventh generation from Samuel Morse, who came to New England in 1635, and settled in Dedham in 1637. Eliakim Morse, who was born in Franklin, October 8, 1780, and died in Oakham, March 28, 1872, was son of Moses Morse, who was born June 17, 1739, in Walpole and died April 3, 1790, in Franklin. Lucinda Pond, born July 5, 1787, was daughter of Eli Pond of Franklin, who was born February 19, 1742, married Huldah Hill of Medway, and died May 20, 1802. Eliakim Morse removed from Franklin to West Springfield about 1810 and came to Oakham in 1816. He was a manufacturer of household furniture, and owned a small farm about three-quarters of a mile south of the center village. For several years he used as a furniture shop and store a part of the house now owned by Frank S. Conant.

Sabin A. Morse went to Worcester soon after he was twenty-one, and became a salesman in the house of John D. Chollar. In September, 1862, he enlisted, from the city of Worcester, with the Oakham men in Co. F, 51st Mass., and was with the regiment till it was mustered out.

After the war he continued in business in Worcester. He was married April 8, 1851, to Orra W. Edison of Bridgewater, Mass., and had one son, Herbert S. Morse.

Sabin A. Morse died in Worcester, October 15, 1887.

## 52d Mass. Infantry.

## Wilder Fairbank Haskell.

Mustered in, October 11, 1862.

Mustered out, August 14, 1863.

Born in Oakham, August 18, 1828. His father, Thomas Haskell, born February 2, 1796, in North Brookfield, was brother of Nelson Haskell, and son of Simeon. Thomas married, April 2, 1821, Maria Pepper, sister of Mrs. Nelson Haskell, and daughter of John Pepper of Ware.

Wilder F. Haskell went in 1842 from Oakham to South Hadley, where he was living on a farm when the war broke out. He enlisted August 14, 1862, in Co. H, 52d Mass., and was appointed Sergeant. After the war he resided in South Hadley and was a millwright.

July 13, 1856, he was married to Elizabeth A. Crowell, at Barnard, Vt., and had three children: Clarence Crowell, born July 26, 1858; Edith Lucy, born July 1, 1860; Harry Wilder, born July 14, 1867.

Wilder F. Haskell died at South Hadley, December 24, 1894.

## Edwin Newton Hunt.

Mustered in, October 11, 1862.

Mustered out, August 14, 1863.

Born in Lee, Mass., December 14, 1835, son of Orsamus and Laura Hunt.

He enlisted in the summer of 1862 from Granby, Mass., in Co. H, 52d Mass. The regiment reached Baton Rouge, December 17, where it was encamped till March, took part in the movement to Port Hudson, was active in the assault on Port Hudson June 14, and occupied an advanced position in the trenches till the surrender.

After the war Mr. Hunt made his home in Granby till 1873. He then lived two years in Barre, and came to Oakham in 1875, where he lived till his death. He was for several years one of the Assessors of Oakham.

He was married to Clarinda Crawford, daughter of Samuel and Laurinda (Wilson) Crawford of Oakham and granddaughter of Samuel and Huldah (Berden) Crawford. Children:

Edwin Crawford, born December 1, 1879, graduated from Barre High School in 1898, and studied for two years at the University of Vermont. August 6, 1913, he was married, in Barre, to Blanche Eugenia Packard, daughter of N. W. Packard of Westboro.

Bessie Newton, born January 6, 1881, graduated from Barre High School in 1898, received the degree of B.A. from Wellesley College in 1902 and the degree of M.A. from Radcliffe College in 1911; by profession a teacher.

Mr. Hunt died in Oakham, May 31, 1895.

Mrs. Clarinda C. Hunt resides with her daughter at 8 Pine St., Hyde Park, Mass.

#### 4th Mass. Cavalry.

Stephen A. Boyden.

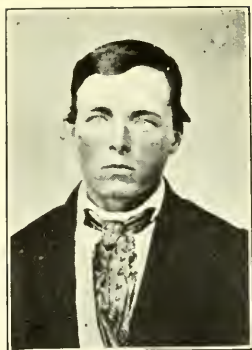
Mustered in, January 6, 1864.

Mustered out, November 15, 1865.

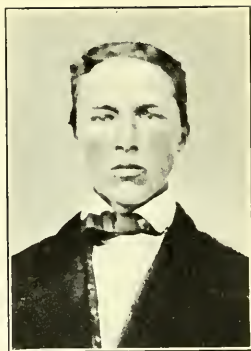
Address, 235 Pleasant St., Providence, R. I.

Born in what is now the town of Lincoln, R. I., October 13, 1844. His father, Samuel Boyden, was son of Stephen Bullen of Charlton, Mass. Six or seven generations of Bullens are buried in Charlton. Family records run back to King Henry VIII, when one of the line, Anne, became quite famous as the second wife of Henry VIII (Anne Boleyn). Samuel and his brother Adams, for local reasons, took the name of Boyden by act of the Massachusetts Legislature. Stephen Boyden's mother was Caroline Matilda Earle, daughter of Antipas Earle of Leicester. Antipas Earle married Amy A. Chase of Worcester in 1808 and had seven or eight children. After Mr. Earle's death, April 30, 1828, his widow married N. D. Bond of Oakham, on November 8, 1829. The Boyden children came in 1862 with their father and mother to Oakham. One of the daughters, Ione, became the wife of Mr. A. J. Holden, inventor of the Holden Wood Furnace and founder and first president of the Oakham Village Improvement Society.





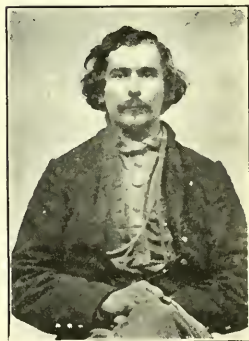
SETH DEAN  
36th Mass. Infantry



DANIEL W. DEAN  
36th Mass. Infantry



CHARLES SUMNER CRAWFORD  
4th Mass. Cavalry



GEORGE W. HASKELL  
1st Vermont Cavalry



At a meeting in the old town hall, Stephen A. Boyden enlisted in Co. C, 4th Mass. Cav. The second battalion of this regiment, Companies A, B, C and D, saw active service in South Carolina and Florida, and the first battalion in Virginia. Company E was the first United States company to enter Richmond on the morning of the evacuation by the Confederates. The regiment was united and recruited to its full strength and had its camp in the outskirts of Richmond, the streets of which it patrolled day and night till the regiment was mustered out in November, 1865.

After leaving the army, Mr. Boyden lived at the home place in Oakham till August, 1885, when he removed to Providence, R. I., and established a grocery and market.

He was married April 18, 1888, to Harriet A. Buffum, and resides in Providence.

### Charles Sumner Crawford.

Mustered in, January 6, 1864.

Died in the service.

Born April 10, 1846, in Oakham, son of Capt. Hosea Willis and Caroline (Gault) Crawford, and brother of Henry Willis Crawford of the 25th Mass., and of John Gault Crawford of the 2d Mich. Cav.

Charles S. Crawford enlisted December 9, 1863, with Stephen Boyden, John Albert Walker, and George E. Reed, at a war meeting held in the old town hall, when his brother, Captain John G. Crawford, and other returned soldiers spoke. He was working in the Lovell shop at the time of his enlistment.

He died at Hilton Head, S. C., August 24, 1864. His diary, continued up to within a few days of his death, is in possession of his brother, O. E. Crawford of Springfield, Mass. Stephen Boyden writes:

"He was a lively and pleasing companion and easily gained the goodwill of the commanding officer, Capt. E. B. Staples, and was almost constantly detailed to headquarters as Captain's Aide."

## George Edmund Reed.

Mustered in, January 6, 1864.

Mustered out, May 12, 1865.

Born in Worcester, September 19, 1834, son of Edmund and Abigail (Stone) Reed. His father was son of Silas and Eleanor Reed, and brother of Rev. Andrew H. Reed who was graduated from Amherst College in 1826. Edmund Reed died October 24, 1835, and his widow, Abigail Reed, married, July 12, 1838, Denny S. Noyes.

In his boyhood, George E. Reed became a sailor. He made voyages in merchant ships to England, France, China, South American countries, and the Sandwich Islands, rounding Cape Horn, and in whaling ships to the Arctic Seas. After following the sea for several years he came to his father's native town, where he lived for the remainder of his life, except when he was in the service of the United States in the Civil War. He purchased the place which is still the home of the family, situated at the corner named from him "Reed Corner."

He enlisted December 9, 1863, in Co. C, 4th Mass. Cav., by occupation a shoemaker, age 31, height 5 feet 7, eyes dark, hair brown. At Hilton Head, January 12, 1864, he was transferred to the Navy as an ordinary seaman, and served on the *Paul Jones*, the *John Adams*, and the *Princeton* till the close of the war. After his discharge, he returned to his home in Oakham.

September 9, 1855, he was married to Sara Amanda Williams, daughter of Jerry Holden and Louisa (Tower) Williams. Children, all but one born in Oakham:

George Walter Reed, February 21, 1857, married Alice Louise Singer, December 7, 1881. Children: Alice Louise, born May 31, 1883; Grace May, born June 23, 1885, died August 23, 1888; Ernest George, born February 21, 1888.

Herbert Bent Reed, February 26, 1858, died April 27, 1885.

Fred Edmund Reed, December 22, 1859, married Sara Jewett Parker, March 2, 1883.

Frank Ellsworth Reed, February 21, 1863, married Bertha Florence Amsden, November 28, 1888.

Eugene Williams Reed, December 14, 1867, married Georgia Lavinia Kent, February 28, 1894.

Arthur Knowlton Reed, August 2, 1873.

Charlie Macullar Reed, February 19, 1876, in Spencer, Mass.

Ben Brigham Reed, June 20, 1877, married Anna Bell Ham, May 20, 1903. Children: Hazel Eleanor, born May 23, 1904; Herbert Merritt, born February 2, 1906.

Bert Shannon Reed, June 20, 1877, married Alice M. Bullard, October 2, 1910. Daughter: Dorothy Arline, born January 3, 1912.

George Edmund Reed died in Oakham, May 14, 1895.

### John Albert Walker.

Mustered in, January 6, 1864.

Mustered out, November 14, 1865.

Address, West Acton, Mass.

Born in Barre, Mass., October 31, 1842, son of John Walker, Jr., and Harriet Ann (Parker) Walker. His father was son of Rev. John Walker, a Baptist minister, who came to Oakham from Barre in 1835 and lived on a farm near Coldbrook, on the old road to Rutland. Rev. John Walker was pastor of the church at Coldbrook for several years, and continued after that to preach in various churches till his death in 1866. Harriet Ann Parker was daughter of David Parker of Barre.

John A. Walker enlisted in December, 1863, in Co. C, 4th Mass. Cav., and served till the close of the war. He has resided since the war in Ayer, Acton, Barre, and Boxboro, Mass. For some years he was a miller, but has lately given his attention wholly to his farm.

He was married, January 27, 1867, to Betsy M. Whitcomb of Boxboro, and has had six children: Martha Jane, born February 27, 1869; Marion Maria, born December 25, 1871; Bertha Luella, born July 21, 1873; Bessie Isora, born July 25, 1881, now Mrs. Veasie, matron of Harvard town farm; Albert Henry, born April 7, 1883; David Parker, born July 27, 1885.

Martha Jane married Burpee Steele. She died April 18, 1911, of pneumonia, survived by her husband and nine children. Her

son, Russell Steele, aged nineteen, died a few hours before his mother.

## 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery.

### Gardner Milton Dean.

Mustered in, September 2, 1864.

Discharged, August 14, 1865.

Address, Oakham, Mass.

Born October 23, 1846, in Oakham, son of Luther and Emeline Mariah (Crawford) Dean. He traces back his ancestry through both parents to the first settlers of Oakham, his father, Luther Dean, being a descendant in the third generation of Deacon James Dean, who purchased the Dean farm in 1750 and built on it the first frame house in Oakham. His mother was granddaughter of Capt. John Crawford, whose father, Alexander Crawford, purchased of the Proprietors of Rutland the whole of Lot No. 4. James Dean and Alexander Crawford, with eight others, were the first settlers of the town. Mr. Dean and Mr. Crawford were both officers in the early Presbyterian Church of Oakham.

Gardner M. Dean enlisted in the summer of 1864, at the age of seventeen, in Co. B, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, for the town of Dracut. January 17, 1865, he was transferred to Co. D of the 17th Mass. Infantry. He served in Virginia and North Carolina, and was under Sherman in the campaign which terminated in the surrender of General Joe Johnston.

He was a charter member of Co. G, 2d Regt. Mass. Volunteer Militia, formed after the war, and a lifelong member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served as Adjutant over twenty years, besides holding other offices of trust in the order. He was one of the original members of the E. K. Wilcox Post G. A. R. of Springfield, Mass., his name being twentieth on the record.

After the war, he was for eight years clerk in the dry goods stores of H. M. Bowers and of J. N. Hatch & Co. of Boston. He was later for several years successfully engaged in the milling business in Springfield, Mass. In 1881 he returned to Oakham, having purchased the Adin Bullard farm. This he has enlarged by the purchase of land adjoining, and has made

a specialty of fruit and dairy products. Mr. Dean has been a very successful town officer, having been Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for several years. In 1907 he was chosen by the town a member of the Building Committee of the Fobes Memorial Library, and was made the Treasurer of the Committee. In 1912 he was Chairman of the Committee on the Celebration of the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Incorporation of Oakham.

He was married, March 10, 1873, to Charlotte Emily Russell, daughter of Orlando Russell, and has had seven children:

Clarence Edgar, born March 5, 1874, married December 20, 1908, to Gertrude M. Tallis of Bristol, Conn.

Minnie Gertrude, born August 20, 1875, married to Walter A. Woodis, August 19, 1897.

Sidney Irving, born May 4, 1879, married Jessie I. Taylor of Rutland, April 3, 1901, and has three children: Ralph Emerson; Jessie Mildred; and Sidney Irving, Jr.

Caroline Melvina, born August 12, 1883, married James Packard Fairbank, November 9, 1898, and has one daughter, Marion Corinne, born September 26, 1901.

Three other children, Warren, Mabel, and Emerson, died in early life.

### Levi L. Dean.

Mustered in, January 2, 1864.

Discharged, September 3, 1865.

Son of Dr. John and Nancy (Parks) Dean, and brother of Amos B. Dean of the 15th Mass., was born in Stonington, Conn., January 21, 1824. His father was son of Deacon James Dean, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham. His mother, Nancy Parks, was born in Mystic, Conn., February 20, 1796, and died in Hiawatha, Kansas, in 1873.

Levi L. Dean enlisted at the age of forty in Co. H, 2d Mass. Heavy Artillery, from the town of Belchertown, and served till the close of the war.

After the war he resided in Enfield, Mass., where he died in December, 1872, of disease contracted in the service.

## 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery.

## Alfred Galen Crawford.

Mustered in, August 18, 1864.

Mustered out, June 17, 1865.

Born March 21, 1847, in Oakham, son of Galen Allen and Alvira (Noyes) Crawford. His father, Galen Allen Crawford, was a son of Alexander and Bethiah (Willis) Crawford. His mother, Alvira Noyes, was daughter of Luther and Azuba (Smith) Noyes.

Alfred G. Crawford enlisted in the summer of 1864 in Co. D, 4th Mass. Heavy Artillery, and was stationed at Arlington. During the greater part of the time of his service he was detailed as a musician.

He returned to Oakham at the close of the war. In the following year he located in New York City, where he was employed by the Street Railway Company till 1875, when he went to Australia with his brother, Hiram A. Crawford, who was returning from a visit to America. Soon after his arrival there, he was made inspector of a suburban street railway line running from Melbourne to Richmond, which position he held till his death, in Melbourne, in 1895.

## Isaac Newton Monroe.

Mustered in, August 22, 1864.

Discharged, June 17, 1865.

Address, Coldbrook Springs, Mass.

Born August 29, 1836, in Lowell, Mass., son of Joseph and Sarah (Leathers) Monroe. His parents were born in New Hampshire and were of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, Joseph Monroe, died in Chester, Penn., in 1872. His mother died in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1909, aged ninety-six years.

I. Newton Monroe enlisted from the city of Worcester, in the summer of 1864, at the age of twenty-seven, in Co. D, 4th Mass., Heavy Artillery, and served till the close of the war.

In September, 1865, he came to Coldbrook, where he has since resided. For several years he followed his occupation of



powder-keg maker in Coldbrook, and for twenty years he was engaged in mercantile business in Gilbertville.

January 7, 1864, he was married in North Brookfield, Mass., to Harriett Harding, daughter of Alpheus and Catherine (Wheeler) Harding. Children:

Charles Newton Monroe, born March 21, 1865, died October 27, 1898. He was married August 16, 1887, to Catherine Cody. A daughter, Beatrice Monroe, was born October 16, 1893.

Elbert Leroy Monroe, born February 25, 1869, married September 4, 1891, to Julia Sullivan. Children: E. Leroy Monroe, born December 28, 1894; Harold N. Monroe, born March 17, 1898; Hazel G. Monroe, born August 25, 1899. Mr. Elbert L. Monroe is a street-car conductor in Dorchester.

Catherine Rowena Monroe, born February 6, 1871, married September 6, 1894, to Edmund Cody of Coldbrook. Children: B. Evelyn Cody, born June 22, 1895; Ralph M. Cody, born November 30, 1899; Ivah C. Cody, born November 23, 1902.

Edmund Cody is a dealer in grain and coal, and has been Overseer of the Poor, and Collector of Taxes for the town of Oakham. He has held all office seats in the Lodges Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Improved Order of Red Men.

#### 11th Mass. Battery.

##### James Griswold Shannon.

Mustered in, August 25, 1862.

Mustered out, May 29, 1863.

Reënlisted, January 2, 1864.

Discharged, February 22, 1867.

Born June 17, 1843, in Quincy, Mass., son of James and Lucy (Saville) Shannon.

When the war began he was a druggist's clerk in Boston. He enlisted August 19, 1862, in the 11th Mass. Battery, and served as a private nine months. In January, 1864, he enlisted again in the same battery for a term of three years. August 6, 1864, he was made Hospital Steward, U. S. Army. He served

in the Hospital Department of the U. S. Army till February, 1867, when he was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1867 he entered the Medical School of Harvard University, from which he was graduated as Doctor of Medicine in 1870. Dr. Shannon came to Oakham June 1, 1870, and established himself here as a physician. He was much interested in the affairs of the town, and was President of the Soldiers' Union for four years. In October, 1876, he removed to Rutland where he continued the practice of medicine for about twelve years.

November 26, 1872, he was married to Laura E. Morton, daughter of Rev. Alpha Morton, then pastor of the church in Oakham.

Dr. Shannon died in Worcester, Mass., December 29, 1889.

Mrs. Shannon was again married, October 13, 1906, to S. Franklin Keene, and resides in Oxford, Maine.

### 60th Mass. Infantry.

John E. Stone.

Mustered in, July 20, 1864.

Mustered out, November 30, 1864.

Address, Oakham, Mass.

Born November 16, 1844, in Oakham, son of Washington and Martha H. (Robinson) Stone, and brother of George W. Stone of the 25th Mass.

He enlisted in the summer of 1864 in Co. F of the 60th Mass. After his discharge he returned to Oakham and purchased in 1879, at Ware Corner, the place formerly occupied by William Ware, which in 1881 he exchanged for the James B. Ware farm, on which he has lived for over thirty years.

He was married at Brattleboro, Vt., January 28, 1879, to Mary Jane Larrabee, daughter of Ira Larrabee of West Halifax, Vt. Children, born in Oakham: Grace M., January 23, 1880, died August 12, 1880; Eva A., April 29, 1881; Ralph E., July 26, 1884, died November 24, 1885; Ira W., March 20, 1887; Frank

H., November 15, 1894; Gladys M., September 7, 1900; Harold J., January 31, 1909.

Eva A. Stone was married December 8, 1908, to Clayton C. Adams of Oakham, a scientific farmer and dealer in cattle.

### William Powers.

Mustered in, July 20, 1864.

Mustered out, November 30, 1864.

William Powers was a Westboro boy and was living with Lyman Dean in 1864. He enlisted from Oakham at the age of nineteen in Co. F of the 60th Mass.

### 6th Unattached Mass. Volunteer Militia.

#### Charles Archibald Ware.

Mustered in, May 4, 1864.

Mustered out, August 2, 1864.

Address, 33 Queen St., Worcester, Mass.

Born December 18, 1846, in Oakham, son of Archibald H. and Caroline Cutler (Cooley) Ware, and brother of Edward Franklin Ware of Co. F, 15th Mass. His aunt, Lavinia H. Ware, who married Chauncey Colton, was the mother of Nathaniel W. Colton of Co. F, 10th Mass.

Charles A. Ware enlisted in the spring of 1864, from the town of Westboro, in the 6th Unattached Co. Mass. Volunteer Militia. September 2, 1864, he enlisted again, as a contract man in the Government employ, and was released May 4, 1865.

He was married to Almira H. Shedd of North Brookfield, November 30, 1866. Children: Edward Hazen, born May 26, 1872, at Oakham, died September 1, 1878; Robert Elwin, born June 5, 1881, at Oakham.

His wife, Almira H. Ware, died March 20, 1900. May 19, 1900, he was again married to Mrs. Marion F. (Spooner) Dayton, daughter of Andrew Spooner of the 51st Mass.

## 116th Pennsylvania Infantry.

James W. Caldwell.

Mustered in, February 18, 1864.

Mustered out, July 14, 1865.

Born in Oakham, February 14, 1836, son of George and Eliza (Parker) Caldwell, and brother of George Lyman Caldwell of the 21st Mass.

James W. Caldwell was in the employ of the Van Amburg circus company, which was traveling in Pennsylvania, when at the age of twenty-eight he enlisted for three years in Co. E of the 116th Penn. Inf. After Caldwell joined the regiment, it went through the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Hatcher's Run, and Petersburg.

When the war was over he came back to his native town, where he worked as a farmer and shoemaker. March 24, 1888, he was married to Mrs. Rachel McLoud of Oakham. He suffered much from rheumatism contracted in the army and always used a cane.

Mr. Caldwell died in Oakham, October 18, 1893.

## 2d Michigan Cavalry.

John Gault Crawford.

Mustered in, October 2, 1861.

Resigned his commission, March 31, 1863.

Address, Manchester, N. H.

Born in Oakham, April 21, 1834, son of Hosea Willis and Caroline (Gault) Crawford, and brother of Henry Willis Crawford of the 25th Mass. Inf., and Charles Sumner Crawford of the 4th Mass. Cav. His father, Hosea Willis Crawford, received in 1833 from Governor Levi Lincoln a captain's commission in the Massachusetts militia. He was descended from Alexander Crawford, one of the first ten settlers of Oakham, through Capt. John Crawford of the Revolutionary Army.

John G. Crawford's education was obtained chiefly in the public schools of Oakham and North Brookfield, and in the select schools of Oakham. He developed into a strong debater

by constant practice in the Franklin Literary Society, of which he became President. He also taught successfully in the public schools of Oakham and Wrentham, Mass., and studied law in the office of Martin Gorham in Barre.

In February, 1855, he went to Kansas, where he took an active part in the contest over the slavery question, and was with John Brown and Jim Lane. He was several times captured by the Pro-slavery bands and often in danger of being hung or shot by them, but was released on account of his youth, courage, and good nature. After the arrival of the United States troops at Lawrence, he returned East, bringing with him as his only souvenir the following pass, which he still carries, given him by "Dick" McCamish:

"Bull Creek, K. T., June 3, 1856.

This is to certify that the bearer hereof, John Crawford, is a reliable young man, and not injurious to the cause of Pro-slaveryism.

RICHARD McCAMISH."

In the spring of 1861 he went to Michigan on a visit. On September 2, 1861, he enlisted in the 2d Mich. Cav., and was appointed Sergeant Major. This regiment was commanded by Colonel Grainger till his promotion to Brigadier General, March 16, 1862, and after that by Colonel Philip H. Sheridan. September 9, 1862, Sergeant Crawford was commissioned Second Lieutenant and assigned as Battalion Adjutant. Adjutant Crawford went with Sheridan on the first cavalry raid of the Civil War and was in many engagements with the enemy before he resigned, on account of ill health, in the spring of 1863. General Hall of Iowa, who commanded a Brigade in Kentucky during the winter of 1862-63, wrote:

"Lieut. Crawford is a man of sterling integrity, great vigilance and bravery, and possesses all the necessary qualifications for further promotion, and I cheerfully recommend him for promotion."

He was given a commission of Captain in the 10th Mich. Cav. by Governor Blair, and raised a company. Through the influence of Senator Sumner, who had known him in the days of

the Kansas contest, he was offered a commission of Major in a colored regiment; but his health did not allow him to go again to the front.

In 1864 he was elected to the Michigan State Senate and served two years, being at the time the youngest member ever in that body. He was admitted to practice in Pontiac, Mich., in 1865, and in United States courts in Detroit, September 17, 1867, and was located in Fenton and Holly till 1870, when he removed to Lancaster, N. H. In 1881 he was appointed, by President Garfield, American Consul at Coaticook, P. Q., and served till 1884. After a residence of five years in Worcester, Mass., he removed in 1890 to Manchester, where he still resides.

Comrade Crawford has done much talking during the past fifty years. It is said that he has done more campaign speaking than any other man in the State of New Hampshire. He has spoken in behalf of the Republican candidates in every presidential campaign, beginning with that of 1856, when Fremont and Dayton were the first nominees of the party. In national and state canvasses, he has spoken in over one hundred and forty different towns in New Hampshire, and has been campaign speaker in Massachusetts, in Vermont, in Michigan and in Kansas. In addition, he has made numerous addresses at meetings of the Grand Army, at the dedication of soldiers' monuments, and at patriotic gatherings on Memorial Day. Several of these addresses have been printed. He has also been a popular lecturer on temperance and on many other subjects. Agriculture has claimed enough of his attention to enable him to serve as clerk and President of the Coos and Essex Agricultural Society. By using spare moments, he has found time to make a thorough study of subjects outside his profession, and has published important articles, among which may be mentioned three in Vol. I of the Collections of the Manchester Historic Association, "Castle William and Mary," pp. 51-65; "Etymology of the Language of the Indians of New Hampshire," pp. 177-188; "Proclamation Money," pp. 212-216.

He was married, April 16, 1863, to Emma Tindall of Oxford, Mich., by whom he had one child: Emma Nita, born August



27, 1864, died April 1, 1866. His wife died June 23, 1866, and he was again married, June 30, 1867, at Buffalo, N. Y., to Abbie T. Stevens of Paris, Me., daughter of Simon Stevens, a descendant of Captain Phineas Stevens, who defended No. 4 against the Indian attack upon Charlestown, N. H. Two children were born of this marriage:

Cyrene S., September 1, 1868, died March 26, 1874.

Carrie E., September 30, 1870, married April 30, 1898, to John W. Chapman of Manchester. Children: Mirriam Stevens, born December 22, 1899; Perley Crawford, born March 22, 1901; John Wilbert, born March 7, 1903; Sara Rena, born July 9, 1904; Carrol Everett, born October 29, 1905; Carrie Ethelyne, born December 17, 1907.

Mrs. Abbie Stevens Crawford died February 2, 1882, and he was married April 30, 1885, to Mary A. Harrington of Worcester, Mass.

A son, Harry Calvin Crawford, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1909, with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and is in successful practice in New York City.

### 38th Iowa Infantry.

#### George Duffey.

Mustered in, October 1, 1862.

Mustered out, August 13, 1865.

Born June 9, 1826, in Rochdale, Lancashire, England, son of Peter Duffey. His mother's maiden name was Mary Crossley.

George Duffey came to this country about 1850 and lived for a short time in Smithville, Mass., now called White Valley. He moved west before 1857 and settled on a farm in New Oregon, Iowa, from which town he enlisted, August 22, 1862, in the 38th Iowa Regiment, Co. I.

After the war he returned to New Oregon, where he continued to reside till 1885, when he removed to Oakham and bought the place on which Stephen Boyden had lived for twenty years.

He was married in May, 1845, to Sarah A. Wilson of Oldham, England, and had five children: James, born in England, June 17, 1846; Mary Ann, born in Smithville, April 13, 1852; Lizzie E., born in New Oregon, October 9, 1857; Florence N., born in New Oregon, April 10, 1862; Ida Eveline, born in New Oregon, June 29, 1869.

Mr. Duffey died in Oakham, November 6, 1907.

### 6th Vermont Infantry.

#### George E. Green.

Mustered in, July 24, 1863.

Mustered out at the close of the war.

Address, Monument, Hinsdale, N. H.

Born March 5, 1829, in Oakham. His father, Charles Belcher Green, son of Elijah Green, was born at Stockbridge, Vt., August 2, 1803. His mother was Catherine Bryant of Orange, Mass. They were married April 29, 1828.

George E. Green removed from Oakham to North Brookfield about 1850, and later to Brattleboro, Vt., where he was living at the beginning of the war. He enlisted July 13, 1863, in Co. A, 6th Vt. Inf., and served in the Shenandoah Valley and in the Army of the Potomac from the Wilderness to Petersburg.

After the war he returned to Brattleboro, where he lived till 1886, when he removed to Hinsdale, a town across the river in New Hampshire. He has a farm about two miles from Brattleboro, and is engaged in market gardening.

He was married, October 25, 1856, to Helen S. F. Barrett of Hinsdale, N. H.

## 1st Vermont Cavalry.

## George W. Haskell.

Mustered in, November 19, 1861.

Reënlisted, December 30, 1863.

Died in the service.

Born in Oakham, April 22, 1838, son of Nelson and Philena (Pepper) Haskell. His grandfather, Simeon Haskell, a farmer and blacksmith, son of Roger and Judith Haskell, was born in Middleboro, Mass., January 10, 1767, removed to North Brookfield about 1793, and came from North Brookfield to Oakham in 1804. He lived on the Belknap place and was a prominent citizen, having been five times Selectman. Nelson Haskell was born in North Brookfield, March 19, 1798. On April 29, 1830, he was married to Philena Pepper, daughter of John Pepper of Ware, and sister of Mrs. Thomas Haskell. Other sons of Simeon Haskell were Loring, Thomas, and Mark.

George W. Haskell was in the employ of Deacon Hartshorn, a farmer of Worcester, when the war broke out. On November 6, 1861, he enlisted in Co. F, 1st Vt. Cav., which did heroic service in Virginia. Adjutant General P. G. Washburn of Vermont said of the men in this regiment: "Dashing, daring, fearless men, accustomed to be almost constantly in the saddle, and to charge the enemy wherever seen, without much regard to the odds, they have fought their way to a reputation which entitles them to all the consideration which can be given them."

George W. Haskell died in the hospital at Washington, D. C., August 8, 1864, of wounds received in action, June 1, 1864, at Ashland, Va.

## Contract Service.

## Frank Eugene Loring.

Address, Oakham, Mass.

Born in Oakham, January 17, 1844, son of Augustine and Elizabeth R. Loring. His mother was Elizabeth Moore of Rutland. His father, who was born October 11, 1804, and came to Oakham from Spencer, was the son of Thomas and Chloe (Draper) Loring, who were married September 27, 1803.

Frank E. Loring enlisted in 1862 in a German regiment in Pontiac, Ill., but did not pass the examination. In 1865 he enlisted as a workman in the Quartermaster's Department, under Captain and Assistant Quartermaster J. S. Godfrey. He was stationed on Lookout Mountain, had charge of the Sadlery Department, and by contract was liable to be called on to fight in the trenches in case of an attack. Shortly before the close of the war he received the following discharge:

"This is to certify that the bearer hereof, Frank E. Loring, has been in the employ of the Quartermaster's Department under my direction, and has been honorably discharged this 13th day of May, 1865.

J. S. GODFREY,

*Capt. & A.Q.M."*

Since the war he has resided chiefly in Oakham, where he has had a machine shop and has sold and repaired all kinds of farming and household machinery. The work was carried on under the firm name of Loring Brothers till the death of his brother, Arthur L. Loring, February 7, 1896. Since that date he has continued the business alone.

## 2d Ohio Heavy Artillery.

### Abraham Fay Robinson.

Enlisted, January 5, 1864.

Mustered out, June 8, 1865.

Born in Oakham, November 13, 1830. His father, Col. John Robinson, was son of John Robinson of Northboro, who removed from that town to Oakham about 1790 and purchased the farm on which George W. Stone, his descendant in the fourth generation, still lives. His mother, Susan (Stone) Robinson, was daughter of Alpheus Stone, a soldier in the Continental Army.

Abraham F. Robinson received his education in the district and select schools of Oakham and went west in 1856. At the outbreak of the war he was living in Newark, Ohio, from which place he enlisted in Co. M, 2d Ohio Heavy Artillery. The regi-

ment was assigned to the duty of holding forts, protecting quartermasters' stores, guarding military prisoners, and policing the railroad from Chattanooga to Knoxville. Mr. Robinson was a fine penman and a skillful accountant, and was detailed for clerical duty for the greater part of the time of his service, first in Camp Nelson at Nicholasville, a few miles south of Lexington, Ky., where Confederate prisoners were kept, and later at the office of the Medical Director at Knoxville. He was discharged with the regiment at the close of the war.

He learned the machinist's trade by instruction extending over four years, two in Worcester and two in Newark. After returning from the war, he worked at his trade till he was about fifty years of age, when he left the shop for a farm at Newark, Ohio. He removed in 1892 to Utica, Ohio, where he resided till his death, December 5, 1912.

He was twice married: (1) to Mary A. Ball, April 8, 1860, who died in May, 1881; (2) to Lydia A. Young, February 16, 1882. He had eight children: Mary Geneva, born June 4, 1861, died January 10, 1868; John W., born December 29, 1862, died December 30, 1862; Hattie S., born December 3, 1882; Bertha E., born January 18, 1884; Susan M., born September 4, 1885; Charles F., born January 29, 1887; Carl D., born March 21, 1890; Walter M., born August 6, 1892.

Hattie S. was married November 11, 1905, to Stewart B. Caffee.

Bertha E. was married August 11, 1913, to Dan Solenbarger.

Susan M. was married August 20, 1908, to Rollin Kunze. Children: Ralph Glen, born December 2, 1909, died same day; Irma Imogene, born March 4, 1911.

Charles F. was married April 26, 1906, to Mary M. Ogle. Children: Beauford F., born June 27, 1906; Letha Hazel, born December 20, 1909.

Mrs. Lydia Young Robinson resides at Utica, Ohio. Post Office address, Box 115.

## SUMMARY

This book contains biographical sketches of ninety-six soldiers in the Civil War who were born in Oakham or who lived here for a considerable part of their lives before or after the war. Of this number, twenty-seven are still living (1913) at the end of a half century.

Thirty were married before enlistment and thirty-eight after their return. Twelve were married twice and one three times. Thirteen of those who came back from the war were never married. The average number of children in the families of the sixty-eight who were married was 3.62.

A large proportion of these soldiers were mature men. Twenty-two were above thirty years of age at the time of enlistment, eleven above thirty-five, and four above forty, while only twenty-three were below twenty. Thirty-four, more than one-third, were between twenty and twenty-five. The average age of those who enlisted from Oakham was about twenty-four years.

During the Revolutionary War the military age was from sixteen to sixty, but boys under sixteen and men above sixty were accepted as soldiers. The population of Oakham in 1776 was five hundred and ninety-eight, and the number of males between the ages of sixteen and sixty could not have been much if any less than one hundred and sixty. At the time of the Civil War, the military age was between eighteen and forty-five. The population of Oakham in 1860 was nine hundred and fifty-nine. The number of males between the ages of fifteen and fifty was two hundred and twenty-seven, and the number between eighteen and forty-five was about one hundred and seventy-five. The number of men of military age in Oakham on the Provost Marshal's list dated November 23, 1863, not including thirty-eight soldiers already in the field, was one hundred and eighteen. On this list were several names of men not liable to military duty on account of permanent physical disability. Only five of the one hundred and eighteen on the list entered the army after that enrollment was made.



It would be difficult to find an able-bodied man in Oakham at the time of the Revolution who did not go on some campaign, and there were very few men of military age at this period who could claim exemption on ground of physical disability. But the soldiers from this town in the Civil War were supplied by a comparatively small number of families. Seven of the Civil War soldiers whose biographies are given in this book came to Oakham after the war, and eighty-nine were representatives of Oakham families, though twenty-seven of these enlisted from other towns. According to the state census, the number of families in Oakham in 1860 was two hundred and twenty-two. If men who reënlisted are counted twice, as they were on the quota, it will be found that twenty-three Oakham families furnished sixty-five soldiers to the Union army, from this and other towns. Twelve families sent two brothers each, four sent three each, and one sent five; forty-one men in all. Twelve of these soldiers reënlisted, increasing the number to fifty-three from seventeen families. The sons of six other families reënlisted and were counted as twelve, bringing the whole number of soldiers from these twenty-three families up to sixty-five on the official list.

Sixteen Oakham families whose sons enlisted for their own town furnished one-half of the Oakham quota of ninety men. Eight families sent two brothers each, two sent three each, and one sent five; twenty-seven men in all. Eight of these reënlisted for the town of Oakham, increasing the number to thirty-five from these eleven families. Five other families sent sons who reënlisted and were counted as ten, bringing the whole number of soldiers furnished by these sixteen families up to forty-five on the official list. The Oakham men who enlisted for their own town all came from forty-four families.

That Oakham sent its best young men to the Civil War is beyond question. Ten of the soldiers had been teachers before enlistment, and eight received before or after their military service a college or professional training. Two became successful lawyers, one became a minister in the Congregational Church, one a physician, one a dentist, and one a professor in a large

university. Five served in the upper or lower house of state legislatures, and one was United States Consul in a Canadian city. More than one-third of those who survived the war have held important offices in the cities or towns where they have resided.

Mr. Peloubet's words to the soldiers of Oakham, at the reception given them on their return, have already been quoted on page 12:

"So far as we can learn, you have to a man returned at least as good as you went away, and many we know, and all we hope, a great deal better. Many backsliders were made in the army, but not one hails from Oakham; there were cowards, but none were nurtured among these hills; there were deserters, but no Oakham man failed in the hour of trial."

In reply to a circular letter from Adjutant General Schouler dated December 9, 1865, Moses O. Ayres, Chairman of the Selectmen, wrote:

"All our brave fellows on returning from the war have entered at once upon the peaceful employments of life, and feel a just pride in the part they have borne in subduing a wicked rebellion. I think I am safe in saying that *not one* has suffered in his moral or religious character by the service he has rendered his country."

Sergeant White's words in praise of the Oakham soldiers in the 25th Regiment might have been said of the men from the town in the other regiments:

"They were equal to the best in all respects. No better lot of men ever wore the Union Blue. The most of them were of the very highest standard of moral and physical worth; the most of them religious in the best sense. Not a man of them failed to do his full duty, and to maintain the best traditions of New England manhood."

The following citizens held the important town offices during the Civil War:

Selectmen:

Alexander Crawford, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864.

Washington Stone, 1861, 1862.

Page Austin, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864.

James Packard, 1863, 1864.

## Treasurers :

Washington Stone, 1861, 1862.

James C. Bemis, 1863, 1864.

## Town Clerk :

Mark Haskell, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864.

Alexander Crawford was Chairman of the Selectmen during the four years of the war. Washington Stone was Selectman, Treasurer and Collector till his death in 1862, when James Packard was elected Selectman in his place, and James C. Bemis, Treasurer and Collector.







VETERANS AT FIRST OAKHAM FIELD DAY

August 10, 1892



ADDENDA.

The *Addenda* include exact copies of several manuscripts of historic value discovered, after this book was in type, in the possession of Miss Mary A. French of North Brookfield, Mass. The Roll of Captain Abner How's company is one of the supposedly lost Revolutionary Pay Rolls of the year 1776 (M. S. R., i, p. V). The affidavits, taken over half a century later at the time of Lieut. French's application for a pension, reveal how the Pay Roll came to be in the possession of the descendants of Second Lieut. Asa French, rather than in that of the families of Captain How or of First Lieut. Packard. They also add new facts of interest regarding the campaigns of the years 1775, 1776 and 1777. Great care has been taken in the transcribing and analysis of the documents. On page 277 will be found a summary of the new material which the Pay Roll adds to what had already been published in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution*. Through the gift of Miss French, this Pay Roll is now in the possession of the Oakham Historical Society.

The connection of John French, 2d, with Oakham was not established till after the discovery of the documents. His name adds one more to the list of Oakham men who served as soldiers in the Revolution, and his biography is given on pages 278 and 279.

# CAPTAIN ABNER HOW'S COMPANY

LT ASA FRENCH

STATEMENT

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I Asa French now a resident in Oakham in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts aged ninty one years old the 28. day of October last past, I was born in the Town of Bartly [BERKLEY] in the County of Bristol in the State of Massachusetts the 28. day of October in the year AD 1740—my Father moved into Middelborough in the County of Plymouth when I was in the tinth year of my age and I lived ther till the year 1769 then I moved into the town of Oakham in the County of Worester and State aforesaid where I now live and have lived ever since I moved there,—I further state that Joshua Turner a boye about six years of his age was given to me by his mother a sister of mine to bring up till he was twenty one years old, in the year one Thousand seven hundred and seventy five in Apl a War tuck place betwen old ingland and the United States of America, the newes came that the British troops had marched out of Boston to Lexington and had killed a number of amaracans and we wer Colled upon in Oakham, the Cap<sup>t</sup> told me I must go or let my yong man go according to his orders I let Joshua Turner go for eight monthes (about in Dec<sup>r</sup> the same year sum of the men wer wanted to Stay one month longer) [*this sentence in parenthesis is crossed out in the original. H. P. W.*] he enlisted in Cap<sup>t</sup> Hazeltons Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> Fellowes Reg<sup>t</sup> I furnished the said Turner with Armes Aquipments Blanket and Cloathing who was then in the nineteenth year of his age and he marched of with the Comp<sup>y</sup> to Roxbury the town next to Boston, in December the same year 1775, the same Joshua Turner enlisted in Cap<sup>t</sup> Barnes Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> Wards Reg<sup>t</sup> for one Month.

I Asa French do further stat that I was a Lieut<sup>t</sup> in Cap<sup>t</sup> John Crawfords Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> James Conveses Reg<sup>t</sup> in the month of September in the year 1776. I was Caled upon by the Agitent of Col<sup>o</sup> Conveses Reg<sup>t</sup> to march to Brookfield and Joine Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Hows Comp<sup>y</sup> and march to the State of New York according to orders I marched through Newhaven in the state of Connecticut, to the State of New York in Col<sup>o</sup> Conveses Reg<sup>t</sup>, under the emmediate Command of Gen<sup>l</sup> Starks, and was discharged at white Planes in November was there two Months and allowed nine days to march home

I also state in the month of Sep<sup>t</sup> in the year 1777 I was informed that Gen<sup>l</sup> Brogoine was marching through the Country to Albany and I was informed that Gen<sup>l</sup> Gates wanted more men and Cap<sup>t</sup> Crawford being gon to the Arme<sup>y</sup> for three monthes, I volenteared and called for men to turn out and about twenty of the most respectable men in the town of Oakham turned out and volenteared with me and marched with me through Benington in the State of Vermont to Still Water and Joined Cap<sup>t</sup> Cutler's Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> Stones Reg<sup>t</sup> in Gen<sup>l</sup> Felloses Brigade, we marched of the 14 day of Sep<sup>t</sup> and ware dismissed at fort Edward the 18 day of Oct<sup>r</sup> and ware allowed seven day to march home.

I did not searve at one time long-enought to intitile me to a pention in the prest pention Law.

JOHN FORBES

AFADAVIT

FOR ASA FRENCH

I John Forbes of Oakham in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts of lawful age do testify and say that I know one Asa French now of Oakham in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts and that I knew the same Asa French in the year one Thousand seven hundred and seventy six, and that he searved as the second Lieut<sup>t</sup> with me two monthes and nine days in the Revolution War in Cap<sup>t</sup> Abner Hows Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> James Conveses Reg<sup>t</sup> in the State of New York, Cap<sup>t</sup> How and L<sup>t</sup> Packard ware both taken sick and left the army and the Command of said Company devolved on Lieut<sup>t</sup> French, further your deponant saith not

JOHN FORBES

Worcester Ss. Oakham August 18, 1832—

Personally appeared John Forbes, subscriber to the above declaration, and made Oath in due form of law to the truth of the same, before me

SKELTON FELTON *Jus. of the Peace.*

JOHN BOYD TO A FRENCH

I John Boyd of Oakham in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts of lawful age do testify and say that I knew one Asa French in the year 1770. I also knew one Joshua Turner a miner to the said Asa French both then of Oakham and state aforesaid. in the year 1775 a war tuck place in the united States and the said Joshua

Turner enlisted in Cap<sup>t</sup> Hazelton Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> Fellowes Reg<sup>t</sup> for eight monthes and marched to Roxbury and there searved eight monthes. for the aforesaid Asa French—in Sep<sup>t</sup> 1777 we received newes that Gen<sup>l</sup> Bruguine was marching throug the Cuntry there was a call for men Asa French then being Lieu<sup>t</sup> Volentered and a number of other with him and marched with him to Saratoga.

JOHN BOYD.

Worcester Ss. Oakham August 15, 1832

Personally appeared John Boyd Subscriber to the above declaration and made Oath in due form of law to the truth of the same—before me—

SKELTON FELTON *Jus. of the Peace*

*Wm Coldwell for Asa French*

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I William Caldwell of Oakham in the County of Worcester and State of Massachusetts of lawful age do testify and say that I knew one Asa French in the year 1770 I also knew one Joshua Turner a miner under the said Asa French both then of Oakham and state aforesaid in the year 1775. a War tuck place in the United States and the said Joshua Turner enlisted in Cap<sup>t</sup> Hazeltons Comp<sup>y</sup> in Col<sup>o</sup> Fellowses Reg<sup>t</sup> for eight monthes and marched to Roxbury and searved eight monthes for Asa French—in the year 1776, I further state that I knew the same Asa French then a Lieu<sup>t</sup>. to searve two month and nine dayes in Cap<sup>t</sup> Hows. Comp<sup>y</sup>. in Col<sup>o</sup> Conveses Reg<sup>t</sup> in the Revolution War in the State of New York—I further state that in the month of Sep<sup>t</sup> 1777. we received newes that Gen<sup>l</sup> Burgoin was marching through the Cuntry there was a call for men Asa French then being Lieu<sup>t</sup> Volentered and a number of others with him and marched with him to Saratoga.

WILLIAM CALDWELL

Worcester Ss. Oakham August 18, 1832.—

Personally appeared William Caldwell, Subscriber to the above declaration, and made Oath in due form of law, to the truth of the same, before me—

SKELTON FELTON *Jus. of the Peace.*

PAY ROLL CAPT ABNER HOW COMPANY IN COL<sup>O</sup> JAMES CONVESES REGIMENT INCLUDING THE TIME ALLOWED TO RETURN HOME ———

| Names                 | Rank                | Establish-<br>ment p.<br>Month |   |   | Date of<br>Engagement |                   | Date of<br>Discharge     |                    | Distance<br>from Home<br>in Miles | Days<br>Allowed to<br>Return so<br>Miles p.<br>Day |    | Time of Ser-<br>vice Includ-<br>ing ye time<br>Allow'd to<br>Return |      | Whole<br>Amounts. |    |   |
|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----|---|------|-------------------|----|---|
|                       |                     | £                              | S | D | 1776                  | Sept <sup>r</sup> | 1776                     | Novem <sup>r</sup> |                                   | No   | No | Ms  | Days | £                 | S  | D |
| Abner How             | Capt <sup>t</sup>   | 8                              | 0 | 0 | —                     | 19                | —                        | 16                 | 168                               | 8  | 2  | 6   | 17   | 12                | 0  |   |
| Joseph Packerd        | 1 Leut <sup>t</sup> | 5                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | Do                | —                        | Do                 | —                                 | 8  | 2  | 6   | 11   | 17                | 6  |   |
| Asa French            | 2 Leut <sup>t</sup> | 5                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | 178                               | 9  | 2  | 7   | 12   | 1                 | 1  |   |
| William Böman         | Serg <sup>t</sup>   | 2                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | 168                               | 8  | 2  | 6   | 5    | 5                 | 6  |   |
| Jesse Abbot           | Serg <sup>t</sup>   | 2                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | Do                                | 8  | 2  | 6   | 5    | 5                 | 6  |   |
| Silas Stone           | Serg <sup>t</sup>   | 2                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | Do   | Do | Do  | 5    | 5                 | 6  |   |
| Nicolas McCluer       | Serg <sup>t</sup>   | 2                              | 8 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 5    | 5                 | 6  |   |
| Joel Abbot            | Corpl <sup>t</sup>  | 2                              | 4 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 16                | 9  |   |
| Samuel Medcalf        | Corpl <sup>t</sup>  | 2                              | 4 | 0 | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | 178                               | 9  | 2  | 7   | 4    | 18                | 2½ |   |
| Solomon Barns         | Corpl <sup>t</sup>  | 2                              | 4 | 0 | —                     | —                 | Novem <sup>r</sup> ye 13 | —                  | 168                               | 8  | 2  | 3   | 4    | 12                | 4½ |   |
| William Bothwel       | Corpl <sup>t</sup>  | 2                              | 4 | 0 | —                     | —                 | — ye 16                  | —                  | 178                               | 9  | 2  | 7   | 4    | 18                | 2½ |   |
| Eleazer Addams        | priv <sup>t</sup>   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | Do                       | —                  | 168                               | 8  | 2  | 6   | 4    | 8                 | 0  |   |
| Jesse Addams          | Do                  | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | Do                                | Do   | 2  | 6   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| John Ayres            | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | Do | Do  | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| Elisha Bartlet        | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| Lemuel Bryant         | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | — ye 14                  | —                  | —                                 | —  | 2  | 2   | 4    | 2                 | 8  |   |
| Roger Bruce           | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | October ye 24            | —                  | —                                 | —  | 1  | 15  | 3    | —                 | —  |   |
| Asa Barns             | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | Nov <sup>m</sup> 16      | —                  | —                                 | —  | 2  | 6   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| Comfort Barns         | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | Do                       | —                  | —                                 | —  | Do | Do  | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| Sam <sup>l</sup> Ball | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| Enoch Boutwel         | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| James Bell            | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | 178                               | 9  | 2  | 7   | 4    | 9                 | 4  |   |
| Abraham Bell          | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | Do                                | —  | Do | Do  | 4    | 9                 | 4  |   |
| Jacob Brooks          | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 9                 | 4  |   |
| Siles Bullard         | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | —                                 | —  | —  | —   | 4    | 9                 | 4  |   |
| Thomas Burnet         | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | 168                               | 8  | 2  | 6   | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |
| John Cambel           | —                   | 2                              | — | — | —                     | —                 | —                        | —                  | Do                                | Do   | Do | Do  | 4    | 8                 | —  |   |



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## A PAY ABSTRACT OF CAPT HOW COMPANY

| Rank                | Time of Service |    | Establishment p <sup>r</sup> month |   |   | Whole Amount |    |    |
|---------------------|-----------------|----|------------------------------------|---|---|--------------|----|----|
|                     | M               | D  | £                                  | S | D | £            | S  | d  |
| 1 Cap <sup>t</sup>  | 2               | 6  | 8                                  | 0 | — | 17           | 12 | 0  |
| 1 Lu <sup>t</sup>   | 2               | 6  | 5                                  | 8 | — | 11           | 17 | 6  |
| 1 Dito              | 2               | 7  | 5                                  | 8 | — | 12           | 1  | 1  |
| 4 Serg <sup>t</sup> | 2               | 6  | 2                                  | 8 | — | 21           | 2  | —  |
| 2 Corp <sup>l</sup> | 2               | 7  | 2                                  | 4 | — | 9            | 16 | 5  |
| 1 Ditto             | 2               | 6  | 2                                  | 4 | — | 4            | 16 | 9  |
| 1 Do                | 2               | 3  | 2                                  | 4 | — | 4            | 12 | 4½ |
| 8 privets           | 2               | 7  | 2                                  | — | — | 35           | 14 | 8  |
| 32 Ditto            | 2               | 6  | 2                                  | — | — | 140          | 16 | —  |
| 2 Ditto             | 1               | 11 | 2                                  | — | — | 5            | 9  | 4  |
| 2 Ditto             | 2               | 3  | 2                                  | — | — | 8            | 8  | —  |
| 1 Ditto             | 2               | 1  | 2                                  | — | — | 4            | 1  | 4  |
| 1 Ditto             | 1               | 15 | 2                                  | — | — | 3            | 0  | —  |
| 1 Ditto             | 1               | 14 | 2                                  | — | — | 2            | 18 | 8  |
| 1 Ditto             | 2               | 2  | 2                                  | — | — | 4            | 2  | 8  |
|                     |                 |    |                                    |   |   | 286          | 8  | 9½ |

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Asa French

Comadand of Cap<sup>t</sup> Hows Comp<sup>y</sup>.

Of the fifty-nine men whose names are on the pay roll only three, the commissioned officers Abner How, Joseph Packard and Asa French, are credited with this campaign in *M. S. R.*

Ten names, those of Enoch Boutwel, William Böman, Jacob Brooks, Roger Bruce, Thomas Burnet, Joseph Hatfield, Theophulus Pother, Samuel Slayton, Robert Stevenson and Ezra Torry, are entirely new, not appearing under any form or spelling in *M. S. R.* but all of these names except two, Jacob Brooks and Thomas Burnet, appear in the Brookfield Vital Records of the Revolutionary period. The name of Jacob Brooks is on the Oakham Town Records. Robert Stevenson appears to have been living in Oakham in 1775 (Brookfield V. R., 415, Oakham V. R., 100).

Of the remaining forty-six names, eighteen appear in *M. S. R.* as those of Brookfield men, credited with service either before or after 1776: Jesse Abbot, Joel Abbot, Eleazer Addams, Jesse Addams, Solomon Barns, Elisha Bartlet, William Deen, Henery Gilbert, Jude Hamilton, Ephraim Harington, Moses Hastings, Thomas Hathaway, Jonathan Lamson, Joseph Marble, Samuel Watson, Thomas Wedge, Israil Whitney and John Woolcut. Ten others can be easily identified by entries in *M. S. R.*, as those of men who were connected either before or afterwards with Brookfield companies: John Cambel, Lemuel Gilbert, Samuel Hinkly, Nicholas McCluer, Jonathan Richardson, Silas Stone, Joshua Tylor, Samuel Walker, Samuel Wood and William Wood.

Three names appear in *M. S. R.* as those of Oakham men credited with service before or after 1776: Siles Bullard, James Forbush and Samuel Medcalf. Five other men whose names appear in *M. S. R.* for earlier or later campaigns unassigned to any town are known from the Oakham Town Records to have been from Oakham: Abraham Bell, James Bell, William Bothwel, Nathan Edson and John Forbush.

John Ayres appears in *M. S. R.* for earlier or later campaigns from New Braintree, Samuel Ball from Worcester, Asa Barns from Lanesborough, Comfort Barns from New Ashford, Lemuel Bryant from Middleboro, Ebenezer Goodail from Royalston, Benjamin Knights and Samuel Palmer from Essex Co., and Ebenezer Wright from Templeton.

Nathan Rude, who was reported on the pay roll as deceased November 13, is probably the Nathan Rood of Brookfield (Brookfield V. R., 392, 401) who married Rachel Streeter in 1770.

The eleven Oakham men on the roll, Abraham Bell, James Bell, Jr., William Bothwell, Jacob Brooks, Silas Bullard, Nathan Edson, James Forbes, John Forbes, Asa French, Benjamin Knight, and Samuel Metcalf, are easily identified, being the only men credited with 178 miles distance from home. All of these except Nathan Edson and James Forbes are credited with this campaign on the Oakham Town Records. James Forbes probably went in place of Ichabod Packard, the only man whose name appears on the Town Records and not on the pay roll.

## John French, 2d.

Born in Berkley, Mass., August 11, 1735, son of John and Marcy French, brother of Lieut. Asa French, and descendant in the fifth generation of John French of Halsted, Essex Co., England, who settled in Cambridge, Mass., about 1637.

He served as a private from the towns of Berkley and Middleboro, in probably eight campaigns: (1) in November, 1776, in Capt. Joshua Wilbore's Co., Col. Ebenezer Francis' Regt.; (2) from December 8, 1776, twelve days on a Rhode Island alarm, in Capt. Joseph Burt's Co., Col. Edward Pope's (Bristol Co.) Regt.; (3) from October 2, 1777, twenty-nine days on an expedition to Rhode Island, in Capt. James Briggs' Co., Col. Freeman's Regt.; (4) from January 10, 1778, two months twenty-three days in Rhode Island, in Capt. James Nichols' Co., of Col. John Daggett's Regt.; (5) May 6-9, 1778, on an alarm at Dartmouth, in Capt. John Barrows' Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Regt.; (6) August 25 to September 1, 1778, nine days in Rhode Island, in Capt. Ebenezer Paull's Co., Col. John Daggett's Regt.; (7) September 6-12, 1778, on an alarm at Dartmouth, in Capt. John Barrows' Co., Col. Ebenezer Sprout's Regt.; (8) on the Rhode Island alarm of August 1, 1780, nine days in Capt. Abner Bourn's Co., Col. Ebenezer White's Regt.

John French, 2d, came to Oakham from Middleboro about 1792 bringing with him his father John French, then over ninety years of age. He lived on the Cheney Adams place till 1809 when he sold his farm to his son Isaac and afterwards removed to Stockbridge, Vt. Both he and his wife probably returned to Oakham before the end of the year 1816.

He was married July 24, 1766, to Hayden Shaw of Middleboro and had nine children, all born in Middleboro: Rhoda, August 23, 1767, married Benjamin Green of Oakham in 1793; Hannah H., August 19, 1769, married Zenas Ripley of Oakham in 1805; Betsey, August 31, 1771, married her cousin John French, 3d, of Oakham, April 25, 1804; Nancy, July 6, 1773, married Woodward Berry of Stockbridge, Vt., in February, 1801; Isaac, June 1, 1775; Philena, March 5, 1777, married Alvin Lyon

of Braintree, Vt., January 20, 1807; Abigail (Nabby), March 6, 1779, married Arunah Gilbert of Stockbridge, Vt., January 29, 1800; Sarah, May 25, 1781, died November 4, 1783; Sarah Eaton, July 9, 1785, married Alvin Lyon of Braintree, Vt., February 11, 1821. Mrs. Hayden (Shaw) French died July 18, 1787, and John French, 2d, was again married in 1797 to Patty Fitch of New Braintree.

Isaac French, only son of John French, 2d, married Catherine Davis of Oakham, January 14, 1808. Children born in Oakham: Charles, February 3, 1811, a lumber merchant in Cleveland, in whose honor French Hall on the Oberlin campus was named; Nancy Davis, August 10, 1813, married Samuel G. Henry; Edwin, June 18, 1817, who laid out the towns of Tippecanoe and Lancaster, Missouri, and was the first Representative of his county in the Missouri Legislature; Caroline Denny and Catherine Davis, twins, August 17, 1819.

John French, 2d, died at Oakham, September 11, 1823. His wife Patty (Fitch) French died, also at Oakham, July 2, 1836.

Oakham V. R., 27, 73 [Frinch], 120. M. S. R., vi, 75 (15), 77 (5), 78 (3). Transcript of the Berkley Town Records in the possession of Miss Charlotte Crane, Taunton, Mass. French Family Records in the possession of Miss Mary A. French, North Brookfield, Mass. Worc. Co. Reg. of Deeds, cxxix, 442, clxxx, 243, cciv, 454. *Bass*, Hist. of Braintree, Vt., 163. *Wright*, John French, Jr., of Taunton, Berkley, Middleboro and Oakham, Mass., and his Descendants. [The two different dates of John French's marriage given here and on page 88 are explained by different interpretations of the note of his marriage in the Middleboro town records. See *Wright*, John French, Jr., p. 8, n.]

PAY ROLL OF CAP. WILLIAM CRAWFORD'S COMPANY OF GRENADIERS FROM OAKHAM AND NEW BRAINTREE.

| Names.            | Rank.    | Time of Entry | Time of Discharge | Time of Service | Wages per month | Amount of wages | Rations per day at | Allowance for officers' rooms and privates' clothing and equipment | Am. of rations and clothing | Total Amount |
|-------------------|----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| William Crawford  | Capt.    | Oct. 1        | Nov. 3            | 34              | \$40            | \$45.33         | "                  | \$1.13   | 5                           | \$51.46      |
| James Allen       | Ensign   | "             | "                 | 34              | 20              | 22.66           | "                  | 1.13   | 5                           | 28.79        |
| Michael Lincoln   | Sergeant | "             | "                 | 34              | 11              | 12.47           | "                  | 5.03   | "                           | 17.50        |
| Stephen Lincoln   | Sergeant | "             | "                 | 34              | 11              | 12.47           | "                  | 5.03   | "                           | 17.50        |
| Edward Woodis     | Sergeant | "             | "                 | 34              | 11              | 12.47           | "                  | 5.03   | "                           | 17.50        |
| James Conant      | Sergeant | "             | "                 | 34              | 11              | 12.47           | "                  | 5.03   | "                           | 17.50        |
| Sylvester Morse   | fifer    | "             | Oct. 6            | 6               | 9               | 1.80            | "                  | 0.80   | 0                           | 2.60         |
| John Thompson     | fifer    | "             | Nov. 3            | 34              | 9               | 10.02           | "                  | 5.53   | "                           | 15.55        |
| Lot Conant        | Drummer  | "             | "                 | 34              | 9               | 10.02           | "                  | 5.53   | "                           | 15.55        |
| George Mullet     | Drummer  | "             | "                 | 34              | 9               | 10.02           | "                  | 5.53   | "                           | 15.55        |
| Parley Ayres      | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Jonas Brimhall    | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Jonathan Blake    | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Hiram Barr        | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Ebenezer N. Barr  | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Roswell Converse  | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 3.83   | "                           | 12.90        |
| Mason Clark       | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Zenas Dow         | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Daniel Dow        | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Daniel Flint      | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Parley Grainger   | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Ebenezer Howard   | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Percival Hall     | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75 *   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Charles T. Holmes | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Elias Marsh       | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Richard K. Marsh  | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Jacob Pepper      | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |
| Ashbel Pepper     | Private  | "             | "                 | 34              | 8               | 9.07            | "                  | 4.75   | "                           | 13.82        |



|                  |         |   |        |    |   |      |   |      |   |       |
|------------------|---------|---|--------|----|---|------|---|------|---|-------|
| Seth Stone       | Private | " | "      | 34 | 8 | 9.07 | " | 4.75 | " | 13.82 |
| Isaac Stone      | Private | " | "      | 34 | 8 | 9.07 | " | 4.75 | " | 13.82 |
| Samuel Thrasher  | Private | " | "      | 34 | 8 | 9.07 | " | 4.75 | " | 13.82 |
| Fabian Tomlinson | Private | " | "      | 34 | 8 | 9.07 | " | 4.75 | " | 13.82 |
| Harlow Thrasher  | Private | " | "      | 34 | 8 | 9.07 | " | 4.75 | " | 1.95  |
| Daniel Warner    | Private | " | Oct. 5 | 5  | 8 | 1.33 | " | 0.62 | " | 10.50 |
| Daniel Hunting   | Waiter  | " | Nov. 3 | 30 | 8 | 8.00 | " | 2.50 | " | 10.50 |
| George Hunting   | Waiter  | " | "      | 30 | 8 | 8.00 | " | 2.50 | " |       |

In accordance with a resolution of the Massachusetts Legislature the State has recently printed "Records of the Massachusetts Militia in the War of 1812-14." These records, which came into the possession of the State in 1881, were furnished by Mr. Z. K. Harmon, and were supposed to come from reliable sources, but Mr. Harmon's list of Capt. Crawford's Company of Grenadiers, given on page 93, seems to have been copied somewhat carelessly. Seven names of well-known members of the company appear on this list as follows: Michell Lincoln, Sylvester Marn, Ebenezer N. Bars, Hiram Bars, Jonas Brinkhall, Boswell Converse, and Charles I. Holmes. James Allen is ranked as Lieutenant and Michael Lincoln as Ensign. These officers did not receive their commissions till December 20. John Adams' name is not found here, and does not appear on Capt. Crawford's Pay Roll for the month of October, given above. He may have been discharged at Boston, before October 1, but it is more probable that he did not go with the company to Boston; see page 162.

## 33d Iowa Infantry.

## John Rice Crawford.

Mustered in, September 6, 1862.

Mustered out, July 17, 1865.

Son of John and Sally (Moore) Crawford, was born in Rutland, Mass., September 29, 1833. His father, John Crawford, was son of Samuel and Huldah (Berdin) Crawford, who were married in 1793. This Samuel was the son of Capt. John Crawford who served in the Revolutionary War. Sally Moore was the daughter of William and Sally (Rice) Moore, of Rutland, who were married May 8, 1803.

John R. Crawford came to Oakham with his parents when about one year old, and lived in Oakham till the age of twenty, when he removed to Springfield, Mass., and later went West. About 1859 he settled in Marshalltown, Iowa, where he had a general store. In the summer of 1862 he joined Co. D of the 33d Iowa Infantry, and was appointed Second Sergeant. According to the Adjutant General's Report he enlisted from Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co., and his enlistment papers were dated September 6, 1862. He was promoted to Sergeant Major, April 16, 1863. The regiment was sent to Arkansas. In the battle at Jenkin's Ferry, on April 30, 1864, Crawford was severely wounded in the thigh, and left on the field by his own men. He was taken prisoner by the Confederates, and transferred to New Orleans, where he was exchanged not long before the close of the war. The regiment was mustered out at New Orleans, July 17, 1865, and officers not accounted for were mustered out as with the regiment.

After his discharge he returned North and located as a dentist in Davenport, Iowa. Later he removed to Nyack, N. Y., where he continued the practice of dentistry.

He was married at Nyack to Sarah Andrews of that place, and had one son, John Andrews Crawford, who was a musician.

John Rice Crawford never fully recovered from his wound. He died at Haverstraw, N. Y., February 21, 1892, in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

Mr. Crawford's military record was not known to the writer till the part of this book dealing with the Civil War had been printed. Another name is now to be added to the list of descendants of Capt. John Crawford born or brought up in Oakham who served in the Civil War. See page 71.



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